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SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

92nd CONGRESS—109th CONGRESS

REPUBLICAN MEMBERS *

COMMITTEE SERVICE

1. Thurmond, Strom ¹ (South Carolina)..... Jan. 29, 1971–Jan. 7, 2003
2. Hansen, Clifford P. ² (Wyoming) Jan. 29, 1971–Dec. 31, 1978
3. Cook, Marlow W. (Kentucky)..... Jan. 29, 1971–Feb. 23, 1972
4. Stevens, Ted (Alaska)..... Jan. 29, 1971–Sept. 21, 1971
5. Stafford, Robert T. ³ (Vermont) Sept. 21, 1971–Jan. 2, 1989
6. Saxbe, William B. (Ohio)..... Feb. 23, 1972–Jan. 12, 1973
7. McClure, James A. (Idaho)..... Jan. 12, 1973–Jan. 23, 1975
8. Scott, William L. (Virginia)..... Jan. 23, 1975–Sept. 19, 1975
9. Simpson, Alan K. ⁴ (Wyoming) Jan. 23, 1979–Jan. 2, 1997
10. Humphrey, Gordon J. (New Hampshire)..... Jan. 23, 1979–Jan. 5, 1981
11. Kasten, Bob (Wisconsin)..... Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 2, 1983
12. Denton, Jeremiah ⁵ (Alabama) Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 2, 1983; Feb. 15, 1983–Jan. 5, 1987
13. Murkowski, Frank H. ⁶ (Alaska)..... Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 7, 2003
14. Specter, Arlen ⁷ (Pennsylvania) Jan. 5, 1981–present
15. Boschwitz, Rudy (Minnesota) Feb. 15, 1983–Jan. 5, 1987
16. Jeffords, James M. ⁸ (Vermont)..... Feb. 2, 1989–June 29, 2001
17. Brown, Hank (Colorado) Jan. 5, 1995–Mar. 23, 1995
18. CRAIG, LARRY E. ¹⁰ (Idaho)..... Jan. 5, 1995–present
19. Campbell, Ben Nighthorse ⁹ (Colorado)..... Mar. 24, 1995–Jan. 4, 2005
20. Hutchinson, Tim (Arkansas) Jan. 9, 1997–Jan. 7, 2003
21. HUTCHISON, KAY BAILEY (Texas) Jan. 7, 2003–present
22. Bunning, Jim (Kentucky) Jan. 7, 2003–Jan. 4, 2005
23. ENSIGN, JOHN (Nevada)..... Jan. 7, 2003–present
24. GRAHAM, LINDSEY O. (South Carolina) Jan. 7, 2003–present
25. Murkowski, Lisa (Alaska)..... Jan. 7, 2003–Jan. 4, 2005
26. BURR, RICHARD (North Carolina) Jan. 4, 2005–present
27. THUNE, JOHN (South Dakota)..... Jan. 4, 2005–present
28. ISAKSON, JOHNNY (Georgia) Jan. 4, 2005–present

¹ Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 29, 1971–Jan. 12, 1973; Jan. 26, 1978–Mar. 22, 1978.

² Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 12, 1973–Feb. 22, 1977.

³ Ranking Minority Member, Feb. 22, 1977–Jan. 26, 1978; Mar. 22, 1978–Jan. 25, 1979.

⁴ Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 25, 1979–Jan. 5, 1981; Chairman, Jan. 5, 1981–Mar. 5, 1985; and Chairman, Jan. 5, 1995–Jan. 2, 1997.

⁵ Served two separate terms.

⁶ Chairman, Mar. 5, 1985–Jan. 5, 1987; and Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 6, 1987–Jan. 2, 1991; Jan. 4, 1993–present.

⁷ Ranking Minority Member, Mar. 19, 1991–Jan. 4, 1993; Chairman, Jan. 9, 1997–present.

⁸ Changed party affiliation effective June 6, 2001.

⁹ Changed party affiliation effective Mar. 3, 1995.

¹⁰ Chairman, Jan. 15, 2005–Jan. 4, 2006.

Note:

92nd Congress, 1971 and 1972, 1st and 2nd sessions.
93rd Congress, 1973 and 1974, 1st and 2nd sessions.
94th Congress, 1975 and 1976, 1st and 2nd sessions.
95th Congress, 1977 and 1978, 1st and 2nd sessions.
96th Congress, 1979 and 1980, 1st and 2nd sessions.
97th Congress, 1981 and 1982, 1st and 2nd sessions.
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107th Congress, 2001 and 2002, 1st and 2nd sessions.
108th Congress, 2003 and 2004, 1st and 2nd sessions.
109th Congress, 2005 and 2006, 1st and 2nd sessions.

* Senators serving during the 109th Congress are shown in capital letters.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

92nd CONGRESS—109th CONGRESS

DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS *

COMMITTEE SERVICE

1.	Talmadge, Herman E. (Georgia).....	Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1981
2.	Randolph, Jennings (West Virginia).....	Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1985
3.	Hartke, Vance ¹ (Indiana).....	Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1977
4.	Hughes, Harold E. (Iowa).....	Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1975
5.	Cranston, Alan ² (California).....	Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 4, 1993
6.	Stone, Richard (Dick) (Florida).....	Jan. 17, 1975–Dec. 31, 1980
7.	Durkin, John A. (New Hampshire).....	Sept. 19, 1975–Dec. 29, 1980
8.	Matsunaga, Spark M. (Hawaii).....	Feb. 11, 1977–Apr. 15, 1990
9.	DeConcini, Dennis (Arizona).....	Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 4, 1995
10.	Mitchell, George J. (Maine).....	Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 4, 1995
11.	ROCKEFELLER, JOHN D., IV ³ (West Virginia).....	Mar. 3, 1985–present
12.	Graham, Bob (Florida).....	Jan. 6, 1987–Jan. 4, 2005
13.	AKAKA, DANIEL K. ⁷ (Hawaii).....	May 16, 1990–present
14.	Daschle, Thomas A. (South Dakota).....	Mar. 19, 1991–Jan. 4, 1995
15.	Campbell, Ben Nighthorse ⁴ (Colorado).....	Jan. 21, 1993–Mar. 23, 1995
16.	Dorgan, Byron L. (North Dakota).....	Jan. 5, 1995–Dec. 29, 1995
17.	Wellstone, Paul ⁵ (Minnesota).....	Mar. 27, 1995–Oct. 25, 2002
18.	MURRAY, PATTY (Washington).....	Dec. 29, 1995–present
19.	Miller, Zell (Georgia).....	Sept. 12, 2000–Jan. 4, 2005
20.	JEFFORDS, JAMES M. ⁶ (I), (Vermont).....	June 29, 2001–present
21.	Nelson, E. Benjamin (Nebraska).....	Jan. 25, 2001–Jan. 4, 2005
22.	OBAMA, BARACK, (Illinois).....	Jan. 6, 2005–present
23.	SALAZAR, KEN (Colorado).....	Jan. 6, 2005–present

¹ Chairman, Jan. 28, 1971–Jan. 2, 1977.

² Temporary Chairman, Jan. 10, 1977–Feb. 11, 1977; Chairman, Feb. 11, 1977–Jan. 4, 1981; Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 5, 1981–Jan. 5, 1987; and Chairman, Jan. 6, 1987–Jan. 4, 1993.

³ Chairman, Jan. 4, 1993–Jan. 4, 1995; Ranking Minority Member, Jan. 5, 1995–present.

⁴ Changed party affiliation effective Mar. 3, 1995.

⁵ Senator Wellstone deceased on Oct. 25, 2002.

⁶ Changed party affiliation effective June 6, 2001.

⁷ Ranking Member, Jan. 6, 2005–present.

Note:

92nd Congress, 1971 and 1972, 1st and 2nd sessions.

93rd Congress, 1973 and 1974, 1st and 2nd sessions.

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CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCOMMITTEES—92nd–109th CONGRESS

92nd CONGRESS, 1971 and 1972

The 92nd Congress convened on January 21, 1971.

On January 28, 1971, S. Res. 16, as adopted, assigned the majority members as follows: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Vance Hartke (Chairman), Herman E. Talmadge, Jennings Randolph, Harold E. Hughes, and Alan Cranston.

On January 29, 1971, S. Res. 20, as adopted, assigned the minority members as follows: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Strom Thurmond (Ranking Minority Member), Clifford P. Hansen, Marlow W. Cook, and Ted Stevens.

At the Committee's first organizational meeting (executive session), dated February 3, 1971, the following Subcommittees were established (Chairman and Ranking Minority Member are ex officio members of all Subcommittees):

(1) Compensation and Pensions: Herman E. Talmadge (Chairman), Jennings Randolph, Harold E. Hughes, Clifford P. Hansen, and Strom Thurmond.

(2) Health and Hospitals: Alan Cranston (Chairman), Jennings Randolph, Harold E. Hughes, Strom Thurmond, and Clifford P. Hansen.

(3) Housing and Insurance: Harold E. Hughes (Chairman), Herman E. Talmadge, Alan Cranston, Marlow W. Cook, and Ted Stevens.

(4) Readjustment, Education, and Employment: Vance Hartke (Chairman), Herman E. Talmadge, Alan Cranston, Ted Stevens, and Marlow W. Cook.

Senator Ted Stevens' service to the Committee terminated on September 21, 1971, and Senator Robert T. Stafford's service to the Committee commenced on September 21, 1971 (S. Res. 170).

Senator Stafford became the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment and a member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance.

Senator Marlow W. Cook's service to the Committee terminated on February 23, 1972, and Senator William B. Saxbe's service to the Committee commenced February 23, 1972 (S. Res. 261).

Senator Saxbe became the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and a member of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment.

93rd CONGRESS, 1973 and 1974

The 93rd Congress convened on January 3, 1973.

On January 12, 1973, Senator Clifford P. Hansen became the Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Strom Thurmond.

Senator William B. Saxbe's service to the Committee terminated on January 12, 1973, and Senator James A. McClure's service to the Committee commenced on January 12, 1973 (S. Res. 16).

Senator McClure became the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and a member of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment.

The organizational meeting (executive session) was held on January 29, 1973.

Senator Harold E. Hughes' service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1975.

94th CONGRESS, 1975 and 1976

The 94th Congress convened on January 14, 1975.

Senator Richard (Dick) Stone was appointed to the Committee on January 17, 1975 (S. Res. 18), replacing Senator Harold E. Hughes.

Senator James A. McClure's service to the Committee terminated on January 23, 1975, and Senator William L. Scott's service to the Committee commenced on January 23, 1975 (S. Res. 24).

The organizational meeting (executive session) was held on January 28, 1975.

Senator Stone became the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and a member of the Subcommittee on Compensation and Pensions and Subcommittee on Health and Hospitals.

Senator Scott of Virginia became the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and a member of the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment.

Senator John A. Durkin's service to the Committee commenced on September 19, 1975 (S. Res. 259).

Senator Scott's service to the Committee terminated on September 19, 1975 (S. Res. 263).

An organizational meeting (executive session) was held on December 9, 1975.

Senator Vance Hartke was added to the Subcommittee on Compensation and Pensions.

Senator Durkin was added to the Subcommittee on Health and Hospitals.

Senator Hartke and Senator Hansen were added to the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance.

Senator Durkin and Senator Thurmond were added to the Subcommittee on Readjustment, Education, and Employment.

Senator Durkin became Chairman of the newly established Subcommittee on Cemeteries and Burial Benefits. The membership of this Subcommittee also included Senators Hartke, Talmadge, Randolph, Hansen (Ranking Minority Member), and Stafford.

Senator Vance Hartke's service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1977.

95th CONGRESS, 1977 and 1978

The 95th Congress convened on January 4, 1977.

On January 10, 1977, the Senate adopted S. Res. 20, assigning Senator Alan Cranston as temporary Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with all subcommittees considered de novo.

On February 11, 1977, Senator Cranston became Chairman when the Senate adopted S. Res. 84. This resolution also assigned Senator Spark M. Matsunaga to the Committee.

On February 22, 1977, the Senate adopted S. Res. 90, assigning Senator Robert T. Stafford to the position of Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Clifford P. Hansen.

CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCOMMITTEES—92nd–109th CONGRESS—Continued

On March 2, 1977, an organizational meeting was held and a new Subcommittee structure (Chairman and Ranking Minority Member are ex officio nonvoting members of all Subcommittees) was adopted. The agreed on assignments were as follows:

(1) Compensation and Pension: Herman E. Talmadge (Chairman), Spark M. Matsunaga (Vice Chairman), Jennings Randolph, John A. Durkin, Clifford P. Hansen, and Robert T. Stafford.

(2) Health and Readjustment: Alan Cranston (Chairman), John A. Durkin (Vice Chairman), Jennings Randolph, Richard (Dick) Stone, Strom Thurmond, and Clifford P. Hansen.

(3) Housing, Insurance, and Cemeteries: Richard (Dick) Stone (Chairman), Herman E. Talmadge, Alan Cranston, Spark M. Matsunaga, Robert T. Stafford, and Strom Thurmond.

On January 26, 1978, Senator Strom Thurmond became the Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Robert T. Stafford.

On March 22, 1978, Senator Robert T. Stafford became the Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Strom Thurmond.

Senator Clifford P. Hansen's service to the Committee terminated on December 31, 1978.

96th CONGRESS, 1979 and 1980

The 96th Congress convened on January 15, 1979.

On January 23, 1979, the Senate adopted S. Res. 21, which increased the membership of the Committee from nine to ten.

On January 23, 1979, the Senate adopted S. Res. 22, which made the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 96th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party's membership on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was as follows:

Senators Cranston (Chairman), Talmadge, Randolph, Stone, Durkin, and Matsunaga.

On January 23, 1979, the Senate adopted S. Res. 23, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 96th Congress. The minority party's membership on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was as follows:

Senators Stafford (Ranking Minority Member), Thurmond, Simpson, and Humphrey.

On January 25, 1979, Senator Alan K. Simpson became the Ranking Minority Member, replacing Senator Robert T. Stafford.

The services of Senators John A. Durkin and Richard (Dick) Stone to the Committee terminated on December 29 and 31, 1980, respectively.

Senator Herman E. Talmadge's service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1981.

97th CONGRESS, 1981 and 1982

The 97th Congress convened on January 5, 1981, and adopted S. Res. 13, which increased the membership of the Committee from ten to twelve.

On January 5, 1981, the Senate adopted S. Res. 14, which made the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 97th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Simpson (Chairman), Thurmond, Stafford, Kasten, Denton, Murkowski, and Specter.

On January 5, 1981, the Senate adopted S. Res. 15, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 97th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Ranking Minority Member), Randolph, Matsunaga, DeConcini, and Mitchell.

On January 30, 1981, an organizational meeting was held.

The services of Senators Bob Kasten and Jeremiah Denton to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1983.

98th CONGRESS, 1983 and 1984

The 98th Congress convened on January 3, 1983.

On January 3, 1983, the Senate adopted S. Res. 8, which made the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 98th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Simpson (Chairman), Thurmond, Stafford, Murkowski, and Specter.

On January 3, 1983, the Senate adopted S. Res. 9, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 98th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Ranking Minority Member), Randolph, Matsunaga, DeConcini, and Mitchell.

On February 1, 1983, an organizational meeting was held.

On February 15, 1983, the Senate adopted S. Res. 65, with the following additional majority party appointments on the Committee: Senators Denton and Boschwitz.

Senator Jennings Randolph's service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1985.

99th CONGRESS, 1985 and 1986

The 99th Congress convened on January 3, 1985.

On March 5, 1985, the Senate adopted S. Res. 87, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 99th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Ranking Minority Member), Matsunaga, DeConcini, Mitchell, and Rockefeller.

On March 5, 1985, the Senate adopted S. Res. 89, which made the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 99th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Murkowski (Chairman), Simpson, Thurmond, Stafford, Specter, Denton, and Boschwitz.

The services of Senators Jeremiah Denton and Rudy Boschwitz to the Committee terminated on January 5, 1987.

100th CONGRESS, 1987 and 1988

The 100th Congress convened on January 6, 1987.

On January 6, 1987, the Senate adopted S. Res. 14, which decreased the membership of the Committee from 12 to 11.

On January 6, 1987, the Senate adopted S. Res. 19, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 100th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Chairman), Matsunaga, DeConcini, Mitchell, Rockefeller, and Graham.

On January 6, 1987, the Senate adopted S. Res. 20, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 100th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Murkowski (Ranking Minority Member), Simpson, Thurmond, Stafford, and Specter.

Senator Robert T. Stafford's service to the Committee terminated on January 2, 1989.

CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCOMMITTEES—92nd–109th
CONGRESS—Continued

101st CONGRESS, 1989 and 1990

The 101st Congress convened on January 3, 1989.

On February 2, 1989, the Senate adopted S. Res. 46, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 101st Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Chairman), Matsunaga, DeConcini, Mitchell, Rockefeller, and Graham.

On February 2, 1989, the Senate adopted S. Res. 47, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 101st Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Murkowski (Ranking Minority Member), Simpson, Thurmond, Specter, and Jeffords.

Senator Spark M. Matsunaga's service to the Committee terminated on April 15, 1990.

On May 16, 1990, Senator Daniel K. Akaka replaced Senator Spark M. Matsunaga.

102nd CONGRESS, 1991 and 1992

The 102nd Congress convened on January 3, 1991.

On March 19, 1991, the Senate adopted S. Res. 85, which increased the membership of the Committee from 11 to 12.

On March 19, 1991, the Senate adopted S. Res. 86, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 102nd Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Cranston (Chairman), DeConcini, Mitchell, Rockefeller, Graham, Akaka, and Daschle.

On March 19, 1991, the Senate adopted S. Res. 88, which made the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 102nd Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter (Ranking Minority Member), Simpson, Thurmond, Murkowski, and Jeffords.

Senator Alan Cranston's service to the Committee terminated on January 4, 1993.

103rd CONGRESS, 1993 and 1994

The 103rd Congress convened on January 5, 1993.

On January 21, 1993, the Senate adopted S. Res. 19, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 103rd Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Rockefeller (Chairman), DeConcini, Mitchell, Graham, Akaka, Daschle, and Campbell.

On January 21, 1993, the Senate adopted S. Res. 22 which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 103rd Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Murkowski (Ranking Minority Member), Thurmond, Simpson, Specter, and Jeffords.

The services of Senators George J. Mitchell, Dennis DeConcini, and Thomas A. Daschle terminated on January 4, 1995.

104th CONGRESS, 1995 and 1996

The 104th Congress convened on January 4, 1995.

On January 5, 1995, the Senate adopted S. Res. 33, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 104th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Simpson (Chairman), Thurmond, Murkowski, Specter, Jeffords, Brown, and Craig.

On January 5, 1995, the Senate adopted S. Res. 32, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 104th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Rockefeller (Ranking Minority Member), Graham, Akaka, Campbell, and Dorgan.

On March 23, 1995, the Senate adopted S. Res. 93, which made changes to the majority appointments. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell replaced Senator Hank Brown.

Senator Paul Wellstone's service to the Committee commenced on March 27, 1995 (S. Res. 95).

On December 29, 1995, the Senate adopted S. Res. 206, which made changes to the minority appointments. Senator Patty Murray replaced Senator Byron L. Dorgan.

105th CONGRESS, 1997 and 1998

The 105th Congress convened on January 7, 1997.

On January 9, 1997, the Senate adopted S. Res. 14, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 105th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter (Chairman), Thurmond, Murkowski, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig, and Hutchinson.

On January 9, 1997, the Senate adopted S. Res. 12, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 105th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Rockefeller (Ranking Minority Member), Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, and Murray.

The service of Senators Alan K. Simpson terminated on January 2, 1997.

106th CONGRESS, 1999 and 2000

The 106th Congress convened on January 6, 1999.

On January 7, 1999, the Senate adopted S. Res. 13, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 106th Congress. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter, Thurmond, Murkowski, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig, and Hutchinson.

On January 7, 1999, the Senate adopted S. Res. 15, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 106th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Rockefeller, Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, and Murray.

On March 2, 1999, the Senate adopted S. Res. 55, which made majority and minority party appointments to Senate Committees for the 106th Congress and designated chairmen of such committees. The appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter (Chairman), Thurmond, Murkowski, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig, and Hutchinson.

Senators Rockefeller (Ranking Minority Member), Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, and Murray.

CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF MEMBERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCOMMITTEES—92nd–109th
CONGRESS—Continued

107th CONGRESS, 2001 and 2002

The 107th Congress convened on January 3, 2001.

The make up of the Senate at the outset of the 107th Congress was a 50–50 split with the deciding vote being cast by the President of the Senate. The majority was therefore held by the Democrats until the inauguration on January 20, 2001.

On January 3, 2001 the Senate adopted S. Res. 7, which designated the chairman to the Senate committees for the 108th Congress until January 20, 2001. The designee as chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was as follows:

Senator Rockefeller (Chairman).

On January 25, 2001 the majority leader Senator Lott entered into the record the majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 107th Congress. The majority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senator Specter, Murkowski, Thurmond, Jeffords, Campbell, Craig and T. Hutchinson.

On January 25, 2001 the minority leader Senator Daschle entered into the record the minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 107th Congress. The minority party appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senator Rockefeller, Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, Murray, Miller, and Nelson (NE).

On February 7, 2001, the Senate adopted S. Res. 7, as amended, in which Sec. 2 designated the chairman to the Senate committees for the 107th Congress. The designee as chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was as follows:

Senator Specter (Chairman).

On June 6, 2001, Senator Jeffords switched party affiliation from the Republican to the Independent party. This switch changed the majority and the minority status of the Senate. Within the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs Jeffords switch left the minority (Republican) party appointees as follows:

Senator Specter, Murkowski, Thurmond, Campbell, Craig, and T. Hutchinson.

On July 10, 2001, the majority leader Senator Daschle entered into the record the majority party appointments, as authorized by S. Res. 120 agreed upon on June 29, 2001, to Senate Committees for the 107th Congress and designated chairman of such committees. The majority appointments on the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senator Rockefeller (Chairman), Graham, Jeffords (I), Akaka, Wellstone, Murray, Miller and Nelson.

On July 17, 2001, the minority party appointed Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, as authorized by S. Res. 120 agreed upon on June 29, 2001.

Senator Paul Wellstone from Minnesota passed away on October 25, 2002. The Majority party did not appoint a new member to the Senate committee before the end of the Congress.

108th CONGRESS, 2003 and 2004

The 108th Congress convened on January 7, 2003.

On January 15, 2003, the Senate adopted S. Res. 18, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 108th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Specter (Chairman), Campbell, Craig, Hutchison, Bunning, Ensign, Graham and Murkowski.

On January 15, 2003, the Senate adopted S. Res. 20, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 108th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Mr. Graham (Ranking Minority Member), Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Akaka, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Miller and Mr. Nelson.

109th CONGRESS, 2005 and 2006

The 109th Congress convened on January 4, 2005.

On January 6, 2005, the Senate adopted S. Res. 5, which made majority party appointments to Senate committees for the 109th Congress and elected chairmen of such committees. The majority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Craig (Chairman), Specter, Hutchison, Graham, Burr, Ensign, Thune, and Isakson.

On January 6, 2005, the Senate adopted S. Res. 6, which made minority party appointments to Senate committees for the 109th Congress. The minority party appointments to the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs were as follows:

Senators Akaka (Ranking Member), Rockefeller, Jeffords, Murray, Obama, and Salazar.

The services of Senators Bob Graham, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Zell Miller, E. Benjamin Nelson, Jim Bunning, and Lisa Murkowski terminated on January 4, 2005.

LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION

EXTRACT FROM RULE XXV OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each Congress, and shall continue and have the power to act until their successors are appointed, with leave to report by bill or otherwise on matters within their respective jurisdictions:

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(p) Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Compensation of veterans.
2. Life insurance issued by the Government on account of service in the Armed Forces.
3. National cemeteries.
4. Pensions of all wars of the United States, general and special.
5. Readjustment of servicemen to civil life.
6. Soldiers' and sailors' civil relief.
7. Veterans' hospitals, medical care and treatment of veterans.
8. Veterans' measures generally.
9. Vocational rehabilitation and education of veterans.

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RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE

109TH CONGRESS

I. MEETINGS—(a) Unless otherwise ordered, the Committee shall meet on the first Wednesday of each month. The Chairman may, upon proper notice, call such additional meetings as deemed necessary.

(b) Except as provided in subparagraphs (b) and (d) of paragraph 5 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public. The Committee shall prepare and keep a complete transcript or electronic recording adequate to fully record the proceedings of each meeting whether or not such meeting or any part thereof is closed to the public.

(c) The Chairman of the Committee, or the Ranking Majority Member present in the absence of the Chairman, or such other Member as the Chairman may designate, shall preside at all meetings.

(d) Except as provided in rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no meeting of the Committee shall be scheduled except by majority vote of the Committee or by authorization of the Chairman of the Committee.

(e) The Committee shall notify the office designated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the time, place, and purpose

of each meeting. In the event such meeting is canceled, the Committee shall immediately notify such designated office.

(f) Written notice of a Committee meeting, accompanied by an agenda enumerating the items of business to be considered, shall be sent to all Committee members at least 72 hours (not counting Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays) in advance of each meeting. In the event that the giving of such 72-hour notice is prevented by unforeseen requirements or Committee business, the Committee staff shall communicate notice by the quickest appropriate means to members or appropriate staff assistants of Members and an agenda shall be furnished prior to the meeting.

(g) Subject to the second sentence of this paragraph, it shall not be in order for the Committee to consider any amendment in the first degree proposed to any measure under consideration by the Committee unless a written copy of such amendment has been delivered to each member of the Committee at least 24 hours before the meeting at which the amendment is to be proposed. This paragraph may be waived by a majority vote of the members and shall apply only when 72-hour written notice has been provided in accordance with paragraph (f).

II. QUORUMS—(a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b), eight members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting or approving of any measure or matter or recommendation. Five members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for purposes of transacting any other business.

(b) In order to transact any business at a Committee meeting, at least one member of the minority shall be present. If, at any meeting, business cannot be transacted because of the absence of such a member, the matter shall lay over for a calendar day. If the presence of a minority member is not then obtained, business may be transacted by the appropriate quorum.

(c) One member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of receiving testimony.

III. VOTING—(a) Votes may be cast by proxy. A proxy shall be written and may be conditioned by personal instructions. A proxy shall be valid only for the day given.

(b) There shall be a complete record kept of all Committee action. Such record shall contain the vote cast by each member of the Committee on any question on which a roll call vote is requested.

IV. HEARINGS AND HEARING PROCEDURES—(a) Except as specifically otherwise provided, the rules governing meetings shall govern hearings.

(b) At least 1 week in advance of the date of any hearing, the Committee shall undertake, consistent with the provisions of paragraph 4 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, to make public announcements of the date, place, time, and subject matter of such hearing.

(c) The Committee shall require each witness who is scheduled to testify at any hearing to file 40 copies of such witness's testimony with the Committee not later than 48 hours prior to the witness's scheduled appearance unless the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member determine there is good cause for failure to do so.

LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION AND RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS—Continued

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(d) The presiding member at any hearing is authorized to limit the time allotted to each witness appearing before the Committee.

(e) The Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee, is authorized to subpoena the attendance of witnesses and the production of memoranda, documents, records, and any other materials. If the Chairman or a Committee staff member designated by the Chairman has not received from the Ranking Minority Member or a Committee staff member designated by the Ranking Minority Member notice of the Ranking Minority Member's non-concurrence in the subpoena within 48 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays) of being notified of the Chairman's intention to subpoena attendance or production, the Chairman is authorized following the end of the 48-hour period involved to subpoena the same without the Ranking Minority Member's concurrence. Regardless of whether a subpoena has been concurred in by the Ranking Minority Member, such subpoena may be authorized by vote of the Members of the Committee. When the Committee or Chairman authorizes a subpoena, the subpoena may be issued upon the signature of the Chairman or of any other member of the Committee designated by the Chairman.

(f) Except as specified in Committee Rule VII (requiring oaths, under certain circumstances, at hearings to confirm Presidential nominations), witnesses at hearings will be required to give testimony under oath whenever the presiding member deems such to be advisable.

V. MEDIA COVERAGE—Any Committee meeting or hearing which is open to the public may be covered by television, radio, and print media. Photographers, reporters, and crew members using mechanical recording, filming or broadcasting devices shall position and use their equipment so as not to interfere with the seating, vision, or hearing of the Committee members or staff or with the orderly conduct of the meeting or hearing. The presiding member of the meeting or hearing may for good cause terminate, in whole or in part, the use of such mechanical devices or take such other action as the circumstances and the orderly conduct of the meeting or hearing may warrant.

VI. GENERAL—All applicable requirements of the Standing Rules of the Senate shall govern the Committee.

VII. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS—(a) Each Presidential nominee whose nomination is subject to Senate confirmation and referred to this Committee shall submit a statement of his or her background and financial interests, including the financial interests of his or her spouse and of children living in the nominee's household, on a form approved by the Committee which shall be sworn to as to its completeness and accuracy. The Committee form shall be in two parts—

(A) information concerning employment, education, and background of the nominee which generally relates to the position to which the individual is nominated, and which is to be made public; and

(B) information concerning the financial and other background of the nominee, to be made public when the Committee determines that such information bears directly on the nominee's qualifications to hold the position to which the individual is nominated.

Committee action on a nomination, including hearings or a meeting to consider a motion to recommend confirmation, shall not be initiated until at least five days after the nominee submits the form required by this rule unless the Chairman, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, waives this waiting period.

(b) At any hearing to confirm a Presidential nomination, the testimony of the nominee and, at the request of any Member, any other witness shall be under oath.

VIII. NAMING OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FACILITIES—It is the policy of the Committee that no Department of Veterans Affairs facility shall be named after any individual unless—

(A) such individual is deceased and was—

(1) a veteran who (i) was instrumental in the construction or the operation of the facility to be named, or (ii) was a recipient of the Medal of Honor or, as determined by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, otherwise performed military service of an extraordinarily distinguished character;

(2) a member of the United States House of Representatives or Senate who had a direct association with such facility;

(3) an Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, a Secretary of Veterans Affairs, a Secretary of Defense or of a service branch, or a military or other Federal civilian official of comparable or higher rank; or

(4) an individual who, as determined by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, performed outstanding service for veterans;

(B) each member of the Congressional delegation representing the State in which the designated facility is located has indicated in writing such member's support of the proposal to name such facility after such individual; and

(C) the pertinent State department or chapter of each Congressionally chartered veterans' organization having a national membership of at least 500,000 has indicated in writing its support of such proposal.

IX. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES—The rules of the Committee may be changed, modified, amended, or suspended at any time, provided, however, that no less than a majority of the entire membership so determine at a regular meeting with due notice, or at a meeting specifically called for that purpose. The rules governing quorums for reporting legislative matters shall govern rules changes, modification, amendments, or suspension.

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<p>S. 62 Jan. 24, 2005</p> <p>Sponsor: Daniel K. Inouye Cospensors: (none)</p> <p>A bill for the relief of Jim K. Yoshida.</p> <p>Jan. 24, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.</p>	<p>S. 146 Jan. 25, 2005</p> <p>Sponsor: Daniel K. Inouye Cospensor(s): Daniel K. Akaka (2/27/2006); Barbara Boxer (6/15/2005); Hillary Rodham Clinton (5/19/2006); Robert Menendez (7/27/2006); Debbie Stabenow (12/16/2005); George Allen (11/10/2005); Maria Cantwell (6/15/2005); Dianne Feinstein (7/12/2005); Barbara A. Mikulski (10/31/2005)</p> <p>A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.</p> <p>Jan. 25, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.</p>
<p>S. 69 Jan. 24, 2005</p> <p>Sponsor: Daniel K. Inouye Cospensor(s): (none)</p> <p>A bill for the relief of Donald C. Pence.</p> <p>Jan. 24, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.</p> <p>Feb. 17, 2005.—Senate Committee on Armed Services discharged by Unanimous Consent.</p> <p>Feb. 17, 2005.—Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.</p>	<p>S. 151 Jan. 25, 2005</p> <p>Sponsor: Norm Coleman Cospensor(s): Jim Bunning (3/2/2005); Mike DeWine (7/13/2005); Lindsey Graham (7/19/2005); Tim Johnson (3/2/2005); Frank R. Lautenberg (7/12/2005); Bill Nelson (6/7/2005); Mark L. Pryor (1/25/2005)*; Susan M. Collins (7/25/2005); Byron L. Dorgan (3/10/2005); Johnny Isakson (3/7/2005); Mary L. Landrieu (3/17/2005); Trent Lott (6/28/2005); E. Benjamin Nelson (3/10/2005); Rick Santorum (5/10/2005)</p> <p>A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.</p> <p>Jan. 25, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.</p> <p>June 23, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.</p> <p>July 28, 2005.—Provisions of measure incorporated into measure S. 1235, as amended, ordered to be reported.</p>
<p>S. 79 Jan. 24, 2005</p> <p>Sponsor: Daniel K. Inouye Cospensor(s): (none)</p>	<p>S. 331 Feb. 9, 2005</p> <p>Sponsor: Tim Johnson Cospensor(s): Max Baucus (6/29/2005); Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (6/23/2005); Barbara Boxer (6/29/2005); Susan M. Collins (5/12/2005); Jon S. Corzine (6/28/2005); Mark Dayton (2/14/2005); Byron L. Dorgan (3/8/2005); Richard Durbin (2/9/2005)*; Tom Harkin (6/27/2005); James M. Jeffords (5/1/2006); John F. Kerry (5/23/2005); Frank R. Lautenberg (6/29/2005); Blanche L. Lincoln (6/14/2005); Robert Menendez (9/5/2006); Patty Murray (3/9/2005); Bill Nelson</p>

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(3/17/2005); E. Benjamin Nelson (2/9/2005)*; Mark L. Pryor (2/27/2006); John D. Rockefeller IV (4/12/2005); Ken Salazar (5/9/2005); Olympia J. Snowe (6/13/2005); Debbie Stabenow (3/8/2005); John Thune (11/3/2005)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

Feb. 9, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 423 **Feb. 17, 2005**

Sponsor: Rick Santorum

Cosponsor(s): Saxby Chambliss (4/18/2005); Mary L. Landrieu (2/17/2005)*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.

Feb. 17, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 23, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 28, 2005.—Provisions of measure incorporated into measure S. 1235, as amended, ordered to be reported.

S. 481 **Mar. 1, 2005**

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka

Cosponsor(s): Hillary Rodham Clinton (3/6/2006); Richard Durbin (7/14/2005); John D. Rockefeller IV (3/14/2005)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release.

Mar. 1, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 9, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 551 **Mar. 8, 2005**

Sponsor: Wayne Allard

Cosponsor(s): Ken Salazar (3/9/2005); John Thune (4/18/2005)

A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Colorado Springs, Colorado, metropolitan area.

Mar. 8, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 23, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 552 **Mar. 8, 2005**

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to make technical corrections to the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004.

Mar. 8, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 23, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 28, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Provisions of measure incorporated into measure S. 1235, as amended, ordered to be reported.

S. 614 **Mar. 14, 2005**

Sponsor: Arlen Specter

Cosponsor(s): Saxby Chambliss (6/22/2005); Susan M. Collins (6/7/2005); Thad Cochran (7/14/2005); Johnny Isakson (7/11/2005); Olympia J. Snowe (6/9/2005); John Thune (4/14/2005)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Mar. 14, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 9, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 615 **Mar. 14, 2005**

Sponsor: Mark Dayton

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill by establishing an enhanced educational assistance program and by repealing the requirement for reduction in pay for participation in the program, and for other purposes.

Mar. 14, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 716 **Apr. 6, 2005**

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka

Cosponsor(s): Jeff Bingaman (12/15/2005); Kent Conrad (4/6/2005)*; Richard Durbin (12/14/2005); John D. Rockefeller IV (4/6/2005)*; Ken Salazar (12/13/2005)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Apr. 6, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 9, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

Sept. 15, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Nov. 16, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Craig without amendment. With written Report No. 109–180.

Nov. 16, 2005.—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 290.

Dec. 22, 2005.—Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Dec. 22, 2005.—Received in the House.

Dec. 22, 2005.—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

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Dec. 22, 2005.—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
Jan. 19, 2006.—Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

S. 806 **Apr. 14, 2005**

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig
Cosponsor(s): Daniel K. Akaka (4/14/2005)*; Max Baucus (4/21/2005); Christopher S. Bond (4/21/2005); Richard Burr (4/21/2005); Kent Conrad (4/21/2005); Mike Crapo (4/21/2005); Mike DeWine (4/21/2005); Richard Durbin (5/10/2005); John Ensign (4/21/2005); Daniel K. Inouye (4/21/2005); James M. Jeffords (4/21/2005); Frank R. Lautenberg (4/21/2005); Blanche L. Lincoln (4/21/2005); Barack Obama (4/21/2005); Ken Salazar (4/19/2005); Craig Thomas (4/21/2005); John Thune (4/21/2005)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a traumatic injury protection rider to servicemembers insured under section 1967(a)(1) of such title.

Apr. 14, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 909 **Apr. 26, 2005**

Sponsor: Christopher J. Dodd
Cosponsor(s): Blanche L. Lincoln (9/21/2005)

A bill to expand eligibility for governmental markers for marked graves of veterans at private cemeteries.

Apr. 26, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
June 23, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 917 **Apr. 27, 2005**

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program for direct housing loans for Native American veterans.

Apr. 27, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
June 23, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
July 28, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Provisions of measure incorporated into measure S. 1235, as amended, ordered to be reported.

S. 996 **May 11, 2005**

Sponsor: Conrad R. Burns
Cosponsor(s): Michael B. Enzi (5/11/2005)*; John Thune (5/11/2005)*

A bill to improve the Veterans Beneficiary Travel Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

May 11, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1138

May 26, 2005

Sponsor: George Allen
Cosponsor(s): Tom Coburn (6/14/2005); Judd Gregg (10/26/2005); Edward M. Kennedy (6/15/2005)

A bill to authorize the placement of a monument in Arlington National Cemetery honoring the veterans who fought in World War II as members of Army Ranger Battalions.

May 26, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
June 23, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 1162 **June 6, 2005**

Sponsor: Maria Cantwell
Cosponsor(s): Tom Harkin (5/22/2006)

A bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to repeal the 10-year limits on use of Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes.

June 6, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1176 **June 7, 2005**

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to improve the provision of health care and services to veterans in Hawaii, and for other purposes.

June 7, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
June 9, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 1177 **June 7, 2005**

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka
Cosponsor(s): Richard Durbin (6/8/2005); Patty Murray (6/9/2005); John D. Rockefeller IV (6/9/2005); Ken Salazar (6/8/2005)

A bill to improve mental health services at all facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

June 7, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
June 9, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
Sept. 15, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Provisions of measure incorporated into measure S. 1182, as amended, ordered to be reported.

S. 1180 **June 7, 2005**

Sponsor: Barack Obama
Cosponsor(s): Barbara Boxer (4/26/2006); Hillary Rodham Clinton (12/16/2005); Byron L. Dorgan, (7/13/2005); Richard Durbin (7/14/2005); Tim Johnson (6/13/2005); Patty Murray (7/21/2005)

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A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes.

June 7, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 9, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

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June 7, 2005

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, and for other purposes.

June 7, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 9, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

Sept. 15, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably (As approved by the Committee, the substitute amendment incorporated related provisions of S. 1182, as introduced, S. 1177, S. 1189, and S. 1190).

Nov. 10, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Craig with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written Report No. 109–177. Minority views filed.

Nov. 10, 2005.—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 284.

Dec. 22, 2005.—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.

Dec. 22, 2005.—Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Dec. 22, 2005.—Received in the House.

Dec. 22, 2005.—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Dec. 22, 2005.—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Jan 9, 2006.—Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

S. 1189

June 7, 2005

Sponsor: Ken Salazar

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish a strategic plan for long-term care, and for other purposes.

June 7, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 9, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

Sept. 15, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Provisions of measure incorporated into measure S. 1182, as amended, ordered to be reported.

S. 1190

June 7, 2005

Sponsor: Ken Salazar

Cosponsor(s): Mike DeWine (9/29/2005); Richard Durbin (11/2/2005); Tim Johnson (7/29/2005); Rick Santorum (9/20/2005)

A bill to provide sufficient blind rehabilitation outpatient specialists at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

June 7, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 9, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

Sept. 15, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Provisions of measure incorporated into measure S. 1182, as amended, ordered to be reported.

S. 1191

June 7, 2005

Sponsor: Ken Salazar

Cosponsor(s): Max Baucus (10/27/2005); Jeff Bingaman (7/21/2005); Conrad R. Burns (10/27/2005); Thad Cochran (7/25/2005); Susan M. Collins (6/13/2005); Kent Conrad (9/13/2005); Byron L. Dorgan (7/21/2005); Chuck Grassley (7/21/2005); James M. Jeffords (7/29/2005); Tim Johnson (7/29/2005); Bill Nelson (7/21/2005); Mark L. Pryor (6/26/2006); John D. Rockefeller IV (9/27/2005); Rick Santorum (11/9/2005); Gordon H. Smith (9/13/2005); Olympia J. Snowe (7/29/2005); Ted Stevens (7/25/2005); David Vitter (11/2/2005); Ron Wyden (9/22/2005)

A bill to establish a grant program to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in remote rural areas.

June 7, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 9, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

Nov. 10, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure.

S. 1234

June 14, 2005

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

June 14, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 23, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 28, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Sept. 21, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Craig without amendment. With written Report No. 109–138.

Sept. 21, 2005.—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 217.

Nov. 16, 2005.—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.

Nov. 16, 2005.—Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Nov. 16, 2005.—Received in the House.

Nov. 16, 2005.—Mr. Buyer asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.

Nov. 16, 2005.—Considered by unanimous consent.

Nov. 16, 2005.—On passage Passed without objection.

Nov. 16, 2005.—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Nov. 16, 2005.—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Nov. 16, 2005.—Cleared for White House.

Nov. 17, 2005.—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Nov. 18, 2005.—Presented to President.

Nov. 22, 2005.—Signed by President.

S. 1234—Continued

Nov. 22, 2005.—Became Public Law No. 109–111.

S. 1235

June 14, 2005

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend chapters 19 and 37 of title 38, United States Code, to extend the availability of \$400,000 in coverage under the servicemembers' life insurance and veterans' group life insurance programs, and for other purposes.

June 14, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 23, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 28, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably (As approved by the Committee, the substitute amendment incorporated related provisions of S. 1235, as introduced, S. 552, S. 917, S. 151, S. 1259, S. 1271, and S. 423).

Sept. 21, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Craig with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written Report No. 109–139.

Sept. 21, 2005.—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 218.

Sept. 28, 2005.—Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 29, 2005.—Received in the House.

Sept. 29, 2005.—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Sept. 29, 2005.—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 22, 2006.—Mr. Miller (FL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

May 22, 2006.—Considered under suspension of the rules.

May 22, 2006.—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

May 22, 2006.—Considered as unfinished business.

May 22, 2006.—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 372–0 (Roll No. 177).

May 22, 2006.—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

May 22, 2006.—The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

May 23, 2006.—Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.

May 25, 2006.—Senate agreed to House amendments by Unanimous Consent.

May 25, 2006.—Cleared for White House.

June 7, 2006.—Presented to President.

June 15, 2006.—Signed by President.

June 15, 2006.—Became Public Law No. 109–233.

S. 1252

June 15, 2005

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka
Cosponsor(s): Ken Salazar (6/15/2005)*

A bill to amend section 1922A of title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of supplemental insurance available for totally disabled veterans.

June 15, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 23, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 1259

June 16, 2005

Sponsor: Ken Salazar
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the requirement for reports from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the disposition of cases recommended to the Secretary for equitable relief due to administrative error and to provide improved benefits and procedures for the transition of member of the Armed Forces from combat zones to noncombat zones and for the transition of veterans from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life.

June 16, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 23, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 28, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Provisions of measure incorporated into measure S. 1235, as amended, ordered to be reported.

S. 1271

June 20, 2005

Sponsor: Patty Murray
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.

June 20, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 23, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 28, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Provisions of measure incorporated into measure S. 1235, as amended, ordered to be reported.

S. 1272

June 20, 2005

Sponsor: E. Benjamin Nelson
Cosponsor(s): (41) Max Baucus (11/2/2005); Evan Bayh (4/27/2006); Christopher S. Bond (12/15/2005); Barbara Boxer (7/29/2005); Sam Brownback (11/14/2005); Conrad R. Burns (12/15/2005); Maria Cantwell (11/18/2005); Lincoln Chafee (12/15/2005); Hillary Rodham Clinton (11/18/2005); Thad Cochran (11/14/2005); Norm Coleman (10/19/2005); Susan M. Collins (10/27/2005); Kent Conrad (12/15/2005); Jon S. Corzine (9/15/2005); Mike DeWine (9/12/2005); Christopher J. Dodd (12/12/2005); Richard Durbin (10/17/2005); Dianne Feinstein (10/19/2005); Chuck Grassley (5/3/2006); James M. Jeffords (9/14/2005); Tim Johnson (10/26/2005); Edward M. Kennedy (6/7/2006); John F. Kerry (9/19/2005); Mary L. Landrieu (7/20/2005); Frank R. Lautenberg (9/7/2005); Joseph I. Lieberman (12/12/2005); Blanche L. Lincoln (9/20/2005); Robert Menendez (3/7/2006); Barbara A. Mikulski (6/28/2005); Lisa Murkowski (7/29/2005); Patty Murray (9/26/2005); Mark L. Pryor (2/13/2006); Jack Reed (9/6/2005); Pat Roberts (9/6/2005); Ken Salazar (6/5/2006); Paul S. Sarbanes (9/19/2005); Charles E. Schumer (11/2/2005); Gordon H. Smith (9/14/2005); Olympia J. Snowe

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(7/29/2005); Debbie Stabenow (12/12/2005); Ted Stevens (9/15/2005)

A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

June 20, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1342 **June 30, 2005**

Sponsor: Russell D. Feingold
Cosponsor(s): Blanche L. Lincoln (6/30/2005)*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

June 30, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1448 **July 21, 2005**

Sponsor: Richard Durbin
Cosponsor(s): Barbara Boxer (7/21/2005)*; Tim Johnson (12/12/2005)

A bill to improve the treatment provided to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

July 21, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1537 **July 28, 2005**

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka
Cosponsor(s): Jeff Bingaman (6/5/2006); Barbara Boxer (7/26/2006); Mark Dayton (9/7/2006); Tim Johnson (7/12/2006); Blanche L. Lincoln (9/5/2006); Robert Menendez (7/27/2006); Patty Murray (5/9/2006); Barack Obama (5/9/2006); Mark L. Pryor (7/11/2006); Gordon H. Smith (6/8/2006); Debbie Stabenow (6/12/2006)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Parkinson's Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence.

July 28, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 11, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 1571 **July 29, 2005**

Sponsor: Jon S. Corzine
Cosponsor(s): Richard Durbin (10/27/2005); Frank R. Lautenberg (7/29/2005)*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a comprehensive program for testing and treatment of veterans for the Hepatitis C virus.

July 29, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1646 **Sept. 8, 2005**

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka
Cosponsor(s): Mary L. Landrieu (9/14/2005); Patty Murray (9/8/2005)*; Harry Reid (9/8/2005)*; Ken Salazar (9/12/2005)

A bill to provide for the care of veterans affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Sept. 8, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1729 **Sept. 20, 2005**

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to extend the time during which persons affected by Hurricane Katrina may appeal certain decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals that are rendered during the period beginning June 1, 2005, and ending November 30, 2005.

Sept. 20, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1731 **Sept. 20, 2005**

Sponsor: Tom Coburn
Cosponsor(s): James M. Inhofe (9/20/2005)*

A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Sept. 20, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 11, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 1751 **Sept. 22, 2005**

Sponsor: Barbara A. Mikulski
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the State sentences for which burial in National Cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery are prohibited to include any sentence of life imprisonment for a State capital crime.

Sept. 22, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1759 **Sept. 22, 2005**

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig
Cosponsor(s): Barbara A. Mikulski (10/24/2005)

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A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to remove the remains of Russell Wayne Wagner from Arlington National Cemetery.

Sept. 22, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Oct. 3, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure.

S. 1813

Oct. 3, 2005

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig

Cosponsor(s): Sam Brownback (10/3/2005)*; Barbara A. Mikulski (10/19/2005); Pat Roberts (10/3/2005)*; Ken Salazar (11/14/2005)

A bill to amend titles 10 and 38 of the United States Code, to modify the circumstances under which a person who has committed a capital offense is denied certain burial-related benefits and funeral honors.

Oct. 3, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1814

Oct. 3, 2005

Sponsor: Evan Bayh

Cosponsor(s): Richard Durbin (10/7/2005)

A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 to enhance protections for servicemembers and their dependents, and for other purposes.

Oct. 3, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1947

Nov. 1, 2005

Sponsor: John E. Sununu

Cosponsor(s): Saxby Chambliss (11/2/2005); Thad Cochran (11/7/2005); Mike DeWine (11/2/2005); Richard Durbin (11/1/2005)*; Johnny Isakson (11/3/2005); Tim Johnson (11/9/2005); John F. Kerry (11/1/2005)*; Mark L. Pryor (11/1/2005)*; John Thune (11/7/2005); David Vitter (11/1/2005)*

A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to enhance adaptive housing assistance for disabled veterans.

Nov. 1, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1990

Nov. 10, 2005

Sponsor: Richard Burr

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Nov. 10, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 1991

Nov. 10, 2005

Sponsor: Richard Burr

Cosponsor(s): Elizabeth Dole (12/13/2005); John Thune (2/14/2006)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a financial assistance program to facilitate the provision of supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing, and for other purposes.

Nov. 10, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2001

Nov. 10, 2005

Sponsor: John Thune

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the management of information technology within the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing for the Chief Information Officer of that Department to have authority over resources, budget, and personnel related to the support function of information technology, and for other purposes.

Nov. 10, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2014

Nov. 15, 2005

Sponsor: Mike DeWine

Cosponsor(s): Richard Durbin (11/15/2005)*; Chuck Hagel (3/29/2006); Mark L. Pryor (7/17/2006); Charles E. Schumer (11/15/2005)*; John Warner (12/16/2005)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance educational assistance for survivors and dependents of veterans.

Nov. 15, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2021

Nov. 16, 2005

Sponsor: Saxby Chambliss

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events.

Nov. 16, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2091

Dec. 13, 2005

Sponsor: Tim Johnson

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain servicemembers to become eligible for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill.

Dec. 13, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2121

Dec. 16, 2005

Sponsor: Charles E. Schumer

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Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide housing loan benefits for the purchase of residential cooperative apartment units.

Dec. 16, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 8, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 2147 **Dec. 20, 2005**

Sponsor: Patty Murray

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to extend the period of time which a veteran's multiple sclerosis is to be considered to have been incurred in, or aggravated by, military service during a period of war.

Dec. 20, 2005.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2163 **Dec. 21, 2005**

Sponsor: John F. Kerry

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend titles 10 and 38 of the United States Code, to increase and index educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI bill to ensure adequate and equitable benefits for active duty members and members of the selected Reserve, and to include certain servicemembers previously excluded from such benefits.

Dec. 21, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2351 **Mar. 1, 2006**

Sponsor: Barbara Boxer

Cosponsor(s): Mark Dayton (3/1/2006)*; Tom Harkin (4/24/2006); Tim Johnson (3/2/2006); Edward M. Kennedy (3/1/2006)*; Frank R. Lautenberg (3/2/2006); Joseph I. Lieberman (6/6/2006); Robert Menendez (3/9/2006)

A bill to provide additional funding for mental health care for veterans, and for other purposes.

Mar. 1, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2358 **Mar. 2, 2006**

Sponsor: Barack Obama

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative to report on health care quality in Veterans Affairs hospitals.

Mar. 2, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2387 **Mar. 8, 2006**

Sponsor: Wayne Allard

Cosponsor(s): Ken Salazar (3/8/2006)*

A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pikes Peak Region of Colorado.

Mar. 8, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2415 **Mar. 15, 2006**

Sponsor: Barbara A. Mikulski

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

June 15, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2416 **Mar. 15, 2006**

Sponsor: Conrad R. Burns

Cosponsor(s): Saxby Chambliss (6/7/2006); Elizabeth Dole (4/24/2006); Lindsey Graham (5/1/2006); Barbara A. Mikulski (4/4/2006); Lisa Murkowski (3/29/2006); E. Benjamin Nelson (6/8/2006); Mark L. Pryor (3/15/2006)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used, and for other purposes.

Mar. 15, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 8, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 2433 **Mar. 16, 2006**

Sponsor: Ken Salazar

Cosponsor(s): Daniel K. Akaka (3/16/2006)*; Max Baucus (3/16/2006)*; Conrad R. Burns (3/16/2006)*; Richard Burr (3/16/2006)*; Kent Conrad (3/16/2006)*; Byron L. Dorgan (3/16/2006)*; Michael B. Enzi (3/31/2006); Tim Johnson (3/16/2006)*; Blanche L. Lincoln (3/16/2006)*; Lisa Murkowski (3/16/2006)*; Patty Murray (3/16/2006)*; Mark L. Pryor (3/16/2006)*; Craig Thomas (3/16/2006)*; John Thune (3/16/2006)*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Assistant Secretary for Rural Veterans in the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve the care provided to veterans living in rural areas, and for other purposes.

Mar. 16, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 11, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 2500 **Apr. 4, 2006**

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka

Cosponsor(s): Hillary Rodham Clinton (4/4/2006)*; John F. Kerry (4/4/2006)*; Frank R. Lautenberg (4/4/2006)*

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A bill to enhance the counseling and readjustment services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Apr. 4, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 11, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 2547

Apr. 5, 2006

Sponsor: Wayne Allard
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to authorize a major medical facility project for the Department of Veterans Affairs at Denver, Colorado.

Apr. 5, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2562

Apr. 6, 2006

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig
Cosponsor(s): Daniel K. Akaka (4/6/2006)*; Mike Crapo (4/25/2006); Kay Bailey Hutchison (4/25/2006); Olympia J. Snowe (5/9/2006)

A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

Apr. 6, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 8, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

June 22, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

July 27, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Craig without amendment. With written Report No. 109–296.

July 27, 2006.—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 539.

Sept. 21, 2006.—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.

Sept. 21, 2006.—Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 22, 2006.—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Sept. 25, 2006.—Received in the House.

Sept. 25, 2006.—Held at the desk.

Sept. 30, 2006.—Mr. Buyer asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.

Sept. 30, 2006.—Considered by unanimous consent.

Sept. 30, 2006.—On passage Passed without objection.

Sept. 30, 2006.—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Sept. 30, 2006.—Cleared for White House.

Oct. 5, 2006.—Presented to President.

Oct. 16, 2006.—Signed by President.

Oct. 16, 2006.—Became Public Law No. 109–361.

S. 2598

Apr. 7, 2006

Sponsor: Debbie Stabenow
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and operate a community-based outpatient clinic in Alpena, Michigan.

Apr. 7, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2634

Apr. 24, 2006

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to strike the term of the positions Under Secretary for Health and the Under Secretary for Benefits and simplify appointments to such positions.

Apr. 24, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 11, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 2659

Apr. 26, 2006

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka
Cosponsor(s): Daniel K. Inouye (4/26/2006)*; Tim Johnson (9/27/2006); Patty Murray (6/12/2006)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of Indian tribal organizations for grants for the establishment of veterans cemeteries on trust lands.

Apr. 26, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 8, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 2694

May 2, 2006

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig
Cosponsor(s): Saxby Chambliss (5/19/2006); Lindsey Graham (5/2/2006)*; Kay Bailey Hutchison, (5/9/2006); James M. Jeffords (5/10/2006); Lisa Murkowski (5/22/2006)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove certain limitation on attorney representation of claimants for veterans benefits in administrative proceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

May 2, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 8, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

June 22, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

June 22, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

July 27, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Craig with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written Report No. 109–297.

July 27, 2006.—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 540.

Aug. 3, 2006.—Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.

Aug. 4, 2006.—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Sept. 6, 2006.—Received in the House.

Sept. 6, 2006.—Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for

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consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Sept. 6, 2006.—Referred to House Veterans' Affairs.

Sept. 21, 2006.—Unfavorable Executive Comment Received from Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2708

May 3, 2006

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an enrollment priority for veterans, who are recipients of certain medals for valor, in health care services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

May 3, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2736

May 4, 2006

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig

Cosponsor(s): Daniel K. Akaka (5/4/2006)*; Saxby Chambliss (5/17/2006)

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish centers to provide enhanced services to veterans with amputations and prosthetic devices, and for other purposes.

May 4, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 11, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 2753

May 4, 2006

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka

Cosponsor(s): John D. Rockefeller IV (6/21/2006)

A bill to require a program to improve the provision of caregiver assistance services for veterans.

May 4, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 11, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 2762

May 8, 2006

Sponsor: Daniel K. Akaka

Cosponsor(s): Hillary Rodham Clinton (7/20/2006); Susan M. Collins (7/17/2006); Charles E. Schumer (7/18/2006); Olympia J. Snowe (6/21/2006)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure appropriate payment for the cost of long-term care provided to veterans in State homes, and for other purposes.

May 8, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 11, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 2779

May 10, 2006

Sponsor: James M. Inhofe

Cosponsor(s): Wayne Allard 95/17/2006); Pat Roberts (5/17/2006); David Vitter (5/10/2006)*

A bill to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

May 10, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2785

May 11, 2006

Sponsor: Hillary Rodham Clinton

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents (known as "Gold Star Parents") of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war.

May 11, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2800

May 15, 2006

Sponsor: James M. Inhofe

Cosponsor(s): Tom Coburn (5/15/2006)*

A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

May 15, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 2970

May 23, 2006

Sponsor: John F. Kerry

Cosponsor(s): Jeff Bingaman (5/26/2006); Barbara Boxer (5/24/2006); Tom Harkin (5/24/2006); Tim Johnson (5/24/2006); Edward M. Kennedy (5/24/2006); Frank R. Lautenberg (5/24/2006); Patrick J. Leahy (5/24/2006); Joseph I. Lieberman (6/5/2006); Robert Menendez (5/26/2006); Barbara A. Mikulski (6/8/2006); Bill Nelson (6/15/2006); Ken Salazar (5/24/2006)

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide free credit monitoring and credit reports for veterans and others affected by the theft of veterans' personal data, to ensure that such persons are appropriately notified of such thefts, and for other purposes.

May 23, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3068

May 25, 2006

Sponsor: John Thune

Cosponsor(s): (none)

S. 3068—Continued

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.

May 25, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3069

May 25, 2006

Sponsor: Christopher J. Dodd

Cosponsor(s): Robert C. Byrd (5/25/2006)*; Kent Conrad (5/25/2006)*; Mike DeWine (5/25/2006)*; Byron L. Dorgan (5/25/2006)*; Tim Johnson (5/25/2006)*; Edward M. Kennedy (5/25/2006)*; John F. Kerry (6/7/2006); Herb Kohl (6/7/2006); Patrick J. Leahy (5/25/2006)*; Joseph I. Lieberman (6/19/2006); Blanche L. Lincoln (6/7/2006); Rick Santorum (6/7/2006); Jeff Sessions (6/19/2006); George V. Voinovich (6/7/2006)

A bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to modify the furnishing of government markers for graves of veterans at private ceremonies, and for other purposes.

May 25, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3276

May 26, 2006

Sponsor: E. Benjamin Nelson

Cosponsor(s): Tim Johnson (5/26/2006)*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

May 26, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3363

June 5, 2006

Sponsor: Mike DeWine

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for accelerated payment of survivors' and dependents' educational assistance for certain programs of education, and for other purposes.

June 5, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 8, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

S. 3421

June 6, 2006

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig

Cosponsor(s): John Ensign (9/25/2006)

A bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.

June 6, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.

Sept. 6, 2006.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Craig with amendments. With written Report No. 109–328.

Sept. 6, 2006.—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 592.

Sept. 26, 2006.—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.

Sept. 26, 2006.—Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Sept. 26, 2006.—Received in the House.

Sept. 26, 2006.—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Sept. 26, 2006.—Held at the desk.

Dec. 8, 2006.—Mr. Buyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

Dec. 8, 2006.—Considered under suspension of the rules.

Dec. 8, 2006.—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

Dec. 8, 2006.—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Dec. 8, 2006.—The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

Dec. 8, 2006.—Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendments to Senate bill.

Dec. 9, 2006.—Senate agreed to House amendments by Unanimous Consent.

Dec. 9, 2006.—Cleared for White House.

Dec. 11, 2006.—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Dec. 20, 2006.—Presented to President.

Dec. 22, 2006.—Signed by President.

Dec. 22, 2006.—Became Public Law No. 109–461.

S. 3545

June 20, 2006

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig

Cosponsor(s): Daniel K. Akaka (6/20/2006)*; Richard Burr (6/20/2006)*; Saxby Chambliss (12/5/2006); Johnny Isakson (7/24/2006); Barack Obama (6/20/2006)*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

June 20, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 21, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure.

S. 3555

June 21, 2006

Sponsor: Jim Talent

Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to establish the Office of Veterans Identity Protection Claims to reimburse injured persons for injuries suffered as a result of the unauthorized use, disclosure, or dissemination of identifying information stolen from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

June 21, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3598

June 29, 2006

Sponsor: John D. Rockefeller IV
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to clarify the effective date of the modification of treatment for retirement annuity purposes of part-time service before April 7, 1986, of certain Department of Veterans Affairs health-care professionals.

June 29, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3770

Aug. 1, 2006

Sponsor: Robert Menendez
Cosponsor(s): Frank R. Lautenberg (8/1/2006)*

A bill to require a pilot program on the facilitation of the transition of members of the Armed Forces to receipt of veterans health care benefits upon completion of military service, and for other purposes.

Aug. 1, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3808

Aug. 3, 2006

Sponsor: Tom Harkin
Cosponsor(s): Sam Brownback (8/3/2006)*; Mike DeWine (8/3/2006)*; Richard Durbin (11/15/2006); Chuck Grassley (8/3/2006)*; Frank R. Lautenberg (8/3/2006)*; John D. Rockefeller IV (9/19/2006); Olympia J. Snowe (8/3/2006)*; Jim Talent (8/3/2006)

A bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

Aug. 3, 2006.—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3984

Sept. 28, 2006

Sponsor: Tom Harkin
Cosponsor(s): Richard Durbin (11/15/2006); John F. Kerry (9/28/2006)*; Patrick J. Leahy (9/28/2006)*; Barbara A. Mikulski (9/28/2006)*; Ken Salazar (9/29/2006)

A bill to improve programs for the identification and treatment of post-deployment mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, in veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Sept. 28, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3988

Sept. 28, 2006

Sponsor: Barack Obama
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

Sept. 28, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 3998

Sept. 29, 2006

Sponsor: Russell D. Feingold
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide relief for servicemembers with respect to contracts for cellular phone service, and for other purposes.

Sept. 29, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

S. 4054

Nov. 15, 2006

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig
Cosponsor(s): Daniel K. Akaka (11/15/2006)*

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the number of individuals qualifying for retroactive benefits from traumatic injury protection coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

Nov. 15, 2006.—Introductory remarks on measure. Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

* Original cosponsor.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

S. Res. 35

Feb. 2, 2005

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig
Cosponsor(s): (none)

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Feb. 2, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Craig. Without written report.

Feb. 2, 2005.—Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Feb. 2, 2005.—Committee on Veterans' Affairs ordered to be reported an original measure.

S. Res. 259

Sept. 28, 2005

Sponsor: Larry E. Craig
Cosponsor(s): Daniel K. Akaka (9/28/2005)*

A resolution commending the efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs in responding to Hurricane Katrina.

Sept. 28, 2005.—Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Sept. 29, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure.

S. Res. 269

Oct. 6, 2005

Sponsor: Barbara Boxer
Cosponsor(s): (none)

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established.

Oct. 6, 2005.—Introductory remarks on measure.

Oct. 6, 2005.—Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

* Original cosponsor.

HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE

H. Con. Res. 125

Apr. 6, 2005

Sponsor: Rush D. Holt

Cosponsor(s): Neil Abercrombie (7/24/2006); Spencer Bachus (4/6/2005)*; Richard H. Baker (4/6/2005)*; Shelley Berkley (7/24/2006); Michael Bilirakis (6/30/2005); Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (4/6/2005)*; John Boozman (4/6/2005)*; Madeleine Z. Bordallo (4/6/2005)*; Charles W. Boustany, Jr. (6/30/2005); Henry E. Brown, Jr. (4/6/2005)*; Sherrod Brown (7/10/2006); G. K. Butterfield (7/24/2006); Julia Carson (4/6/2005)*; Ed Case (4/6/2005)*; Donna M. Christensen (4/6/2005)*; John Conyers, Jr. (4/6/2005)*; Elijah E. Cummings (4/6/2005)*; Norman D. Dicks (4/6/2005)*; Eliot L. Engel (7/13/2006); Phil English (7/13/2006); Lane Evans (4/6/2005)*; Bob Filner (4/6/2005)*; Mark Foley (4/6/2005)*; Luis G. Fortuno (4/6/2005)*; Trent Franks (4/14/2005); Bart Gordon (4/6/2005)*; Gene Green (4/14/2005); Mark Green (4/6/2005)*; Raul M. Grijalva (7/21/2005); Luis V. Gutierrez (4/14/2005); Robin Hayes (7/13/2006); Jeb Hensarling (7/24/2006); Stephanie Herseth (4/14/2005); Tim Holden (4/6/2005)*; Stephanie Tubbs Jones (4/14/2005); Marcy Kaptur (4/6/2005)*; Jack Kingston (6/30/2005); John R. "Randy" Kuhl, Jr. (7/24/2006); Rick Larsen (7/10/2006); John Lewis (7/10/2006); Daniel Lipinski (4/6/2005)*; Stephen F. Lynch (4/6/2005)*; Carolyn B. Maloney (4/6/2005)*; Donald A. Manzullo (6/30/2005); Carolyn McCarthy (4/6/2005)*; Michael T. McCaul (4/6/2005)*; Michael H. Michaud (4/6/2005)*; Jeff Miller (7/24/2006); James P. Moran (7/10/2006); Tim Murphy (7/21/2005); Sue Wilkins Myrick (7/24/2006); Stevan Pearce (7/24/2006); Charles B. Rangel (4/6/2005)*; Silvestre Reyes (7/24/2006); Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (7/21/2005); Jose E. Serrano (4/6/2005)*; Michael K. Simpson (4/6/2005)*; Tom Udall (4/6/2005)*; Chris Van Hollen (4/6/2005)*; Robert Wexler (4/6/2005)*; Joe Wilson (4/6/2005)*; Lynn C. Woolsey (4/6/2005)*; Albert Russell Wynn (4/6/2005)*

Expressing support for the designation and goals of "Hire a Veteran Week" and encouraging the President to issue a proclamation supporting those goals.

Apr. 6, 2005—Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Apr. 6, 2005—Referred to House Veterans' Affairs.

July 20, 2006—Committee consideration and mark-up session held.

July 20, 2006—Ordered to be reported by Voice Vote.

Apr. 6, 2005—Referred to House Armed Services

Apr. 21, 2005—Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.

July 24, 2006—Mr. Bradley (NH) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.

July 24, 2006—Considered under suspension of the rules.

July 24, 2006—On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

July 24, 2006—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

July 25, 2006—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H. Con. Res. 347

Feb. 16, 2006

Sponsor: Rob Simmons

Cosponsor(s): Neil Abercrombie (5/2/2006); Richard H. Baker (5/2/2006); Charles F. Bass, (5/2/2006); Shelley Berkley (7/19/2006); Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (5/2/2006); Michael E. Capuano (5/18/2006); Ed Case (5/2/2006)*; Tom Cole (5/2/2006); John Conyers, Jr. (5/2/2006); Danny K. Davis (5/2/2006); Jo Ann Davis (7/24/2006); Phil English (5/2/2006); Bob Filner (5/2/2006); Harold E. Ford, Jr. (5/2/2006); Barney Frank (5/2/2006); Scott Garrett (5/2/2006); Jim Gibbons (5/2/2006); Bart Gordon (5/2/2006); Nancy L. Johnson (5/2/2006); Dennis J. Kucinich (5/2/2006); Edward J. Markey (5/2/2006); Betty McCollum (5/2/2006); Thaddeus G. McCotter (5/2/2006); James P. McGovern (5/2/2006); Michael H. Michaud (7/18/2006); Jeff Miller (5/2/2006); Richard E. Neal (2/16/2006)*; Collin C. Peterson (5/2/2006); Christopher Shays (7/17/2006); Bill Shuster (5/2/2006); Adam Smith (5/2/2006); Robert Wexler (5/2/2006); Roger F. Wicker (5/2/2006)

Honoring the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the 119 State veterans homes providing long-term care to veterans that are represented by that association for their contributions to the health care of veterans and the health-care system of the Nation.

Feb. 16, 2006—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 20, 2006—Committee consideration and mark-up session held.

July 20, 2006—Ordered to be reported by Voice Vote.

July 24, 2006—Mr. Bradley (NH) moved to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.

July 24, 2006—Considered under suspension of the rules.

July 24, 2006—On motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution. Agreed to by voice vote.

July 24, 2006—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

July 25, 2006—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1220

March 10, 2005

Sponsor: Steve Buyer

Cosponsor(s): Richard H. Baker (4/5/2005); Roscoe G. Bartlett (4/5/2005); Shelley Berkley (3/10/2005)*; Michael Bilirakis (4/5/2005); Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (4/5/2005); Jeb Bradley (4/5/2005); Corrine Brown (6/23/2005); Henry E. Brown, Jr. (4/5/2005); Ginny Brown-Waite (4/5/2005); Lane Evans (3/10/2005)*; Bob Filner (4/5/2005); Mark Foley (4/21/2005); Luis V. Gutierrez (4/5/2005); Tim Holden (6/8/2005); Darlene Hooley (4/5/2005); Dale E. Kildee (6/8/2005); Jim Kolbe (6/23/2005); James P. McGovern (4/21/2005); John M. McHugh (4/21/2005); Michael H. Michaud (4/5/2005); Jeff Miller (3/10/2005)*; Silvestre Reyes (6/13/2005); C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger (4/5/2005); John T. Salazar (6/14/2005);

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Vic Snyder (6/23/2005); Ted Strickland (6/14/2005); Tom Udall (6/7/2005)

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

March 10, 2005—Introductory remarks on measure.

March 10, 2005—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Apr. 4, 2005—Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

June 9, 2005—Subcommittee consideration and mark-up session held.

June 9, 2005—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Unanimous Consent.

June 23, 2005—Committee consideration and mark-up session held.

June 23, 2005—Committee hearings held.

June 23, 2005—Ordered to be reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

June 23, 2005—Provisions of H.R. 2988 incorporated in this Measure, Section 5.

June 23, 2005—Provisions of H.R. 2959 incorporated in this Measure, Section 6.

June 30, 2005—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109–162.

June 30, 2005—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 98.

July 13, 2005—Mr. Buyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

July 13, 2005—Considered under suspension of the rules.

July 13, 2005—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

July 13, 2005—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

July 14, 2005—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1691**Apr. 19, 2005**

Sponsor: Mark Green

Cosponsor(s): Tammy Baldwin (9/15/2005); Shelley Berkley (10/27/2005); Ron Kind (9/15/2005); Gwen Moore (9/15/2005); David R. Obey (9/15/2005); Thomas E. Petri (9/15/2005); Paul Ryan (9/15/2005); F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (9/15/2005)

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Appleton, Wisconsin, as the "John H. Bradley Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

Apr. 19, 2005—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Apr. 25, 2005—Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Oct. 12, 2005—Subcommittee on Health discharged.

Oct. 20, 2005—Committee consideration and mark-up session held.

Oct. 20, 2005—Ordered to be reported by Unanimous Consent.

Nov. 2, 2005—Mr. Buyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Nov. 2, 2005—Considered under suspension of the rules.

Nov. 2, 2005—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

Nov. 2, 2005—Considered as unfinished business.

Nov. 2, 2005—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407–0 (Roll No. 561).

Nov. 2, 2005—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Nov. 4, 2005—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mar. 13, 2006—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Mar. 13, 2006—Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Mar. 13, 2006—Cleared for White House.

Mar. 14, 2006—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Mar. 17, 2006—Presented to President.

Mar. 23, 2006—Signed by President.

Mar. 23, 2006—Became Public Law No. 109–206.

H.R. 2046**May 3, 2005**

Sponsor: Steve Buyer

Cosponsor(s): Shelley Berkley (5/19/2005); Michael Bilirakis (5/12/2005); Timothy H. Bishop (5/17/2005); John Boozman (5/3/2005)*; Jeb Bradley (5/12/2005); Corrine Brown (5/12/2005); Henry E. Brown, Jr. (5/12/2005); Ginny Brown-Waite (5/5/2005); Dan Burton (5/17/2005); Lane Evans (5/3/2005)*; Terry Everett (5/12/2005); Bob Filner (5/17/2005); Mark Foley (5/18/2005); Raul M. Grijalva (5/18/2005); Luis V. Gutierrez (5/12/2005); Stephanie Herseth (5/3/2005)*; Tim Holden (5/12/2005); Michael M. Honda (5/17/2005); Darlene Hooley (5/12/2005); Michael H. Michaud (5/12/2005); Jeff Miller (5/12/2005); Jerry Moran (5/12/2005); Bernard Sanders (5/18/2005); Adam B. Schiff (5/18/2005); Vic Snyder (5/12/2005); Cliff Stearns (5/12/2005); Ted Strickland (5/12/2005); Michael R. Turner (5/17/2005); Tom Udall (5/12/2005); Frank R. Wolf (5/19/2005)

To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to limit premium increases on reinstated health insurance on servicemembers who are released from active military service, and for other purposes.

May 3, 2005—Introductory remarks on measure.

May 3, 2005—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 4, 2005—Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

May 5, 2005—Subcommittee consideration and mark-up session held.

May 5, 2005—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

May 11, 2005—Provisions of H.R. 1292 incorporated in this measure, Section 4.

May 11, 2005—Committee consideration and mark-up session held.

May 11, 2005—Ordered to be reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.

May 19, 2005—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109–88.

May 19, 2005—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 45.

May 23, 2005—Mr. Boozman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

May 23, 2005—Considered under suspension of the rules.

May 23, 2005—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

May 23, 2005—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

May 24, 2005—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3082**June 28, 2005**

Sponsor: John Boozman

Cosponsor(s): Shelley Berkley (7/13/2006); Michael Bilirakis (6/28/2005)*; Leonard L. Boswell (7/13/2006); Corrine Brown (7/13/2006); Ginny Brown-Waite (7/18/2005); Dan Burton (6/28/2005)*; John Campbell (4/26/2006); John R. Carter (10/7/2005); Ed Case (7/13/2006); Jo Ann Davis (7/24/2006); Susan A. Davis (5/18/2006); Chet Edwards (5/23/2006); Lane Evans (7/13/2006); Terry Everett (6/28/2005)*; Eni F.H. Faleomavaega (7/13/2006); Bob Filner (9/7/2005); Charles A. Gonzalez (7/13/2006); Luis V. Gutierrez (7/13/2006); Stephanie Herseth (6/28/2005)*; Frank A. LoBiondo (7/24/2006); Jim Marshall (11/8/2005); Michael H. Michaud (7/12/2006); Todd Russell Platts (4/26/2006); Silvestre Reyes (7/13/2006); John T. Salazar (7/13/2006); Ted Strickland (7/13/2006); Tom Udall (7/13/2006)

To amend title 38, United States Code, to require that 9 percent of procurement contracts entered into by the Department of Veterans Affairs be awarded to small business concerns owned by veterans, and for other purposes.

June 28, 2005—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 11, 2005—Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

July 27, 2005—Subcommittee hearings held.

May 10, 2006—Subcommittee consideration and mark-up session held.

May 10, 2006—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.

July 13, 2006—Committee consideration and mark-up session held.

July 13, 2006—Ordered to be reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.

July 24, 2006—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109–592.

July 24, 2006—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 343.

July 24, 2006—Mr. Bradley (NH) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

July 24, 2006—Considered under suspension of the rules.

July 24, 2006—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

July 24, 2006—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

July 24, 2006—The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.

July 25, 2006—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3200**July 11, 2005**

Sponsor: Jeff Miller

Cosponsor(s): Shelley Berkley (7/11/2005)*; Michael Bilirakis (7/19/2005); Jeb Bradley (7/14/2005); Corrine Brown (7/20/2005); Henry E. Brown, Jr. (7/19/2005); Ginny Brown-Waite (7/14/2005); Steve Buyer (7/20/2005); Lane Evans (7/14/2005); Bob Filner (7/20/2005); Luis V. Gutierrez (7/20/2005); Stephanie Herseth (7/20/2005); Darlene Hooley (7/20/2005); Michael H. Michaud (7/14/2005); Jerry Moran (7/19/2005); Silvestre Reyes (7/20/2005); Vic Snyder (7/14/2005); Ted Strickland (7/20/2005); Tom Udall (7/13/2005)

To amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes.

July 11, 2005—Introductory remarks on measure.

July 11, 2005—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 12, 2005—Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

July 13, 2005—Subcommittee consideration and mark-up session held.

July 13, 2005—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.

July 14, 2005—Committee consideration and mark-up session held.

July 14, 2005—Ordered to be reported by Voice Vote.

July 20, 2005—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109–177.

July 20, 2005—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 111.

July 26, 2005—Mr. Buyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

July 26, 2005—Considered under suspension of the rules.

July 26, 2005—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

July 26, 2005—Considered as unfinished business.

July 26, 2005—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

July 26, 2005—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 424–0 (Roll No. 420).

July 27, 2005—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 27, 2005—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

July 27, 2005—Measure laid before Senate by Unanimous Consent.

July 27, 2005—Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

July 27, 2005—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

Sept. 28, 2005—Mr. Miller (FL) moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment.

Sept. 28, 2005—On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by voice vote.

Sept. 28, 2005—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Sept. 28, 2005—Cleared for White House.

Sept. 29, 2005—Presented to President.

Sept. 30, 2005—Signed by President.

Sept. 30, 2005—Became Public Law No. 109–80.

H.R. 3665**Sept. 7, 2005**

Sponsor: John Boozman

Cosponsor(s): Neil Abercrombie (9/20/2005); Shelley Berkley (11/1/2005); Ed Case (9/20/2005); Geoff Davis (9/27/2005); Lane Evans (9/7/2005)*; Eni F.H. Faleomavaega (9/8/2005); Bob Filner (9/7/2005)*; Raul M. Grijalva (9/20/2005); Stephanie Herseth (9/7/2005)*; Michael H. Michaud (9/20/2005); Adam B. Schiff (9/27/2005)

H.R. 3665—Continued

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide adaptive housing assistance to disabled veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member and to make direct housing loans to Native American veterans, and for other purposes.

Sept. 7, 2005—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
 Sept. 7, 2005—Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
 Sept. 8, 2005—Subcommittee consideration and mark-up session held.
 Sept. 8, 2005—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Unanimous Consent.
 Sept. 8, 2005—Provisions of H.R. 1773 incorporated in this measure, Sections 3 and 4.
 Oct. 20, 2005—Committee consideration and mark-up session held.
 Oct. 20, 2005—Ordered to be reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
 Oct. 20, 2005—Provisions of H.R. 419 incorporated in this measure, Title II.
 Oct. 20, 2005—Provisions of H.R. 1773 incorporated in this measure, Title I, Section 102.
 Oct. 20, 2005—Provisions of H.R. 3279 incorporated in this measure, Title III.
 Nov. 1, 2005—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109–263.
 Nov. 1, 2005—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 144.
 Nov. 9, 2005—Mr. Boozman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
 Nov. 9, 2005—Considered under suspension of the rules.
 Nov. 9, 2005—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
 Nov. 10, 2005—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
 Nov. 10, 2005—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
 Nov. 10, 2005—The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
 Nov. 10, 2005—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3829**Sept. 20, 2005**

Sponsor: Dan Boren

Cosponsor(s): Tom Cole (9/28/2005); Ernest J. Istook, Jr. (10/28/2005); Frank D. Lucas (9/29/2005); John Sullivan (10/28/2005)

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Sept. 20, 2005—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
 Sept. 26, 2005—Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
 May 4, 2006—Subcommittee on Health discharged.
 May 9, 2006—Mr. Buyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
 May 9, 2006—Considered under suspension of the rules.
 May 9, 2006—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

May 9, 2006—Considered as unfinished business.

May 9, 2006—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 407–0 (Roll No. 130).

May 9, 2006—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

May 10, 2006—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 26, 2006—Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

May 26, 2006—Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.

May 26, 2006—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

May 26, 2006—Cleared for White House.

June 8, 2006—Presented to President.

June 15, 2006—Signed by President.

June 15, 2006—Became Public Law No. 109–231.

H.R. 4061**Oct. 17, 2005**

Sponsor: Steve Buyer

Cosponsor(s): Shelley Berkley (10/27/2005); Michael Bilirakis (10/17/2005)*; John Boozman (10/17/2005)*; Jeb Bradley (10/17/2005)*; Corrine Brown (10/17/2005)*; Henry E. Brown, Jr. (10/17/2005)*; Ginny Brown-Waite (10/17/2005)*; Dan Burton (10/17/2005)*; Lane Evans (10/17/2005)*; Terry Everett (10/17/2005)*; Bob Filner (10/17/2005)*; Luis V. Gutierrez (10/17/2005)*; Stephanie Herseth (10/18/2005); Darlene Hooley (10/27/2005); Michael H. Michaud (10/27/2005); Jerry Moran, (10/17/2005)*; Silvestre Reyes (10/17/2005)*; Ted Strickland (10/17/2005)*; Michael R. Turner, (10/17/2005)*; Tom Udall (10/17/2005)*

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the management of information technology within the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing for the Chief Information Officer of that Department to have authority over resources, budget, and personnel related to the support function of information technology, and for other purposes.

Oct. 17, 2005—Introductory remarks on measure.

Oct. 17, 2005—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Oct. 20, 2005—Committee consideration and mark-up session held.
 Oct. 20, 2005—Ordered to be reported by Unanimous Consent.

Oct. 27, 2005—Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109–256.

Oct. 27, 2005—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 140.

Nov. 2, 2005—Mr. Buyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Nov. 2, 2005—Considered under suspension of the rules.

Nov. 2, 2005—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

Nov. 2, 2005—Considered as unfinished business.

Nov. 2, 2005—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408–0 (Roll No. 560).

Nov. 2, 2005—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Nov. 4, 2005—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4843

Mar. 2, 2006

Sponsor: Jeff Miller

Cosponsor(s): Richard H. Baker (3/7/2006); John Barrow (5/16/2006); Shelley Berkley (3/2/2006)*; (3/8/2006); Henry E. Brown, Jr. (3/7/2006); Ginny Brown-Waite (3/14/2006); Dan Burton (3/7/2006); Steve Buyer (3/2/2006)*; John Campbell (4/25/2006); Ben Chandler (5/3/2006); Jo Ann Davis (5/23/2006); Lane Evans (3/2/2006)*; Eni F.H. Faleomavaega (6/7/2006); Bob Filner (3/8/2006); Charles A. Gonzalez (6/22/2006); Luis V. Gutierrez (3/8/2006); Stephanie Herseth (5/17/2006); Tim Holden (6/22/2006); Darlene Hooley (6/22/2006); Jim Kolbe (4/4/2006); Zoe Lofgren (5/18/2006); Michael H. Michaud (3/8/2006); Jerry Moran (3/28/2006); Silvestre Reyes (3/14/2006); John T. Salazar (6/21/2006); Vic Snyder (6/22/2006); Ted Strickland (3/8/2006); Tom Udall (6/22/2006)

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

Mar. 2, 2006—Introductory remarks on measure.

Mar. 2, 2006—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mar. 7, 2006—Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Apr. 6, 2006—Subcommittee hearings held.

Apr. 8, 2006—Subcommittee consideration and mark-up session held.

June 8, 2006—Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Unanimous Consent.

June 22, 2006—Committee consideration and mark-up session held.

June 22, 2006—Ordered to be reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

June 22, 2006—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109–521.

June 22, 2006—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 291.

June 26, 2006—Mr. Buyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

June 26, 2006—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.

June 27, 2006—Considered as unfinished business.

June 27, 2006—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 408–0 (Roll No. 321).

June 27, 2006—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

June 28, 2006—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5815

July 17, 2006

Sponsor: Henry E. Brown, Jr.

Cosponsor(s): Shelley Berkley (7/26/2006); Luis G. Fortuno (7/19/2006); Michael H. Michaud (7/17/2006)*

To authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.

July 17, 2006—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 20, 2006—Committee consideration and mark-up session held.

July 20, 2006—Ordered to be reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

Sept. 8, 2006—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109–643.

Sept. 8, 2006—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 382.

Sept. 13, 2006—Mr. Buyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

Sept. 13, 2006—Considered under suspension of the rules.

Sept. 13, 2006—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.

Sept. 13, 2006—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Sept. 14, 2006—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5835

July 19, 2006

Sponsor: Steve Buyer

Cosponsor(s): Neil Abercrombie (7/25/2006); John Barrow (9/6/2006); Roscoe G. Bartlett (9/6/2006); Shelley Berkley (7/19/2006)*; Brian P. Bilbray (7/19/2006)*; Michael Bilirakis (7/19/2006)*; Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (7/25/2006); Marsha Blackburn (9/6/2006); Mary Bono (7/24/2006); John Boozman (7/19/2006)*; Leonard L. Boswell (7/20/2006); Jeb Bradley (7/19/2006)*; Corrine Brown (7/19/2006)*; Henry E. Brown, Jr. (7/19/2006)*; Sherrod Brown (7/24/2006); Ginny Brown-Waite (7/19/2006)*; Dan Burton (7/19/2006)*; Ken Calvert (7/27/2006); Dave Camp (7/26/2006); Shelley Moore Capito (7/25/2006); John R. Carter (7/24/2006); Ed Case (7/24/2006); Jim Costa (7/24/2006); Elijah E. Cummings (7/28/2006); Tom Davis (7/19/2006)*; John D. Dingell (7/19/2006)*; Lloyd Doggett (7/25/2006); Thelma D. Drake, (7/25/2006); Chet Edwards (7/19/2006)*; Phil English (7/26/2006); Lane Evans (7/19/2006)*; Terry Everett (9/13/2006); Bob Filner (7/19/2006)*; Luis G. Fortuno (7/25/2006); Jim Gerlach (7/24/2006); Charles A. Gonzalez (7/25/2006); Luis V. Gutierrez (7/19/2006)*; Robin Hayes (7/24/2006); Stephanie Herseth (7/19/2006)*; Brian Higgins (7/26/2006); Sheila Jackson-Lee (7/24/2006); Timothy V. Johnson, (7/24/2006); John R. "Randy" Kuhl, Jr. (7/27/2006); Donald A. Manzullo (7/25/2006); Jim McDermott, (7/28/2006); Michael H. Michaud (7/19/2006)*; Jeff Miller (7/19/2006)*; Jerry Moran (7/20/2006); Ed Pastor (9/6/2006); Rick Renzi (9/13/2006); Silvestre Reyes (7/19/2006)*; John T. Salazar (7/19/2006)*; Janice D. Schakowsky (7/19/2006)*; John J.H. "Joe" Schwarz (7/27/2006); Adam Smith, (7/27/2006); Mark E. Souder (7/26/2006); Cliff Stearns (7/19/2006)*; Ted Strickland (7/19/2006)*; James T. Walsh (7/19/2006)*; Diane E. Watson (7/24/2006); Henry A. Waxman (7/19/2006)*; Curt Weldon, (7/24/2006); Frank R. Wolf (7/24/2006); C.W. Bill Young (7/26/2006)

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve information management within the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

July 19, 2006—Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

July 19, 2006—Referred to House Veterans' Affairs.

July 19, 2006—Committee hearings held prior to introduction and referral (July 18, 2006).

July 20, 2006—Committee consideration and mark-up session held.

July 20, 2006—Ordered to be reported in the Nature of a Substitute by Voice Vote.

Sept. 18, 2006—Unfavorable Executive comment received from Veterans' Affairs.

July 19, 2006—Referred to House Government Reform.

H.R. 5835—Continued

Sept. 13, 2006—Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109–651, Part I.
 Sept. 13, 2006—Committee on Government Reform discharged.
 Sept. 13, 2006—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 387.
 Sept. 26, 2006—Mr. Buyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
 Sept. 26, 2006—Considered under suspension of the rules.
 Sept. 26, 2006—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.
 Sept. 26, 2006—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
 Sept. 27, 2006—Received in the Senate.
 Nov. 13, 2006—Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6314

Nov. 13, 2006

Sponsor: Steve Buyer
 Cosponsor(s): (none)

To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law and to expand eligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program.

Nov. 13, 2006—Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
 Nov. 14, 2006—Mr. Buyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
 Nov. 14, 2006—Considered under suspension of the rules.
 Nov. 14, 2006—At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
 Nov. 14, 2006—Considered as unfinished business.
 Nov. 14, 2006—On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 393–0 (Roll No. 520).
 Nov. 14, 2006—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
 Nov. 15, 2006—Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

* Original cosponsor.

PASSED BILLS

SENATE

Measure	Initial Passage
S. 1234	June 14, 2005
S. 1235	June 14, 2005
S. 2562	Apr. 6, 2006
S. 3421	June 6, 2006

HOUSE

Measure	Initial Passage
H.R. 1691	Apr. 19, 2005
H.R. 3200	July 11, 2005
H.R. 3829	Sept. 20, 2005

PUBLIC LAW INDEX OF BILLS ACTED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE

Public Law	Related Senate Bill(s)	Related House Bill(s)	Date Enacted
109-80		H.R. 3200	Sept. 30, 2005
109-111	S. 1234, S. 2562	H.R. 1220, H.R. 4843	Nov. 22, 2005
109-206		H.R. 1691	Mar. 23, 2006
109-361	S. 2562 (S. 1234)	H.R. 4843	Apr. 6, 2006
109-461	S. 3421	H.R. 5815	June 6, 2006
109-231	S. 1731	H.R. 3829	June 15, 2006
109-233	S. 1235, S. 151, S. 423,	H.R. 2046, H.R. 3665	June 15, 2006
	S. 552, S. 917, S. 1235,		
	S. 1259, S. 1271		

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF PUBLIC LAWS

109–80

Sept. 30, 2005

To amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3200

House Report: 109–177

Congressional Record, Vol. 151 (2005)

July 26, considered and passed House.

Sept. 27, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Sept. 28, House concurred in Senate amendment.

109–111

Nov. 22, 2005

A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

S. 1234

Senate Report: 109–138

House Report: No. 109–162

Congressional Record, Vol. 151 (2005)

Nov. 16, considered and passed Senate and House.

109–206

Mar. 23, 2006

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Appleton, Wisconsin, as the "John H. Bradley Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

H.R. 1691

Congressional Record, Vol. 151 (2005)

Congressional Record, Vol. 152 (2006)

Nov. 2, 2005, considered and passed House.

Mar. 13, 2006, considered and passed Senate.

109–231

June 15, 2006

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

H.R. 3829

Congressional Record, Vol. 152 (2006)

May 9, considered and passed House.

May 26, considered and passed Senate.

109–233

June 15, 2006

A bill to amend chapters 19 and 37 of title 38, United States Code, to extend the availability of \$400,000 in coverage under the servicemembers' life insurance and veterans' group life insurance programs, and for other purposes.

S.1235

House Report: Nos. 109–88 accompanying H.R. 2046 and 109–263 accompanying H.R. 3665

Senate Report: No. 109–139

Congressional Record, Vol. 151 (2005)

Sept. 28, considered and passed Senate.

Congressional Record, Vol. 152 (2006)

May 22, considered and passed House, amended.

May 25, Senate concurred in House amendments.

109–361

Oct. 16, 2006

A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

S. 2562

House Report: No. 109–521 accompanying H.R. 4843

Senate Report: No. 109–296

Congressional Record, Vol. 152 (2006)

Sept. 21, considered and passed Senate.

Sept. 29, considered and passed House.

109–461

Dec. 22, 2006

A bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.

S. 3421

Senate Report: 109–328

Sept. 26, 2006, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Dec. 8, 2006, House agreed to Senate amendment.

HEARINGS AND MEETING SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

[Unless otherwise indicated, hearings and meetings are full Committee sessions, open to the public, and held in SR-418, Russell Senate Office Building.]

January 24, 2005. Hearing, Nomination of R. James Nicholson to be Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

February 3, 2005. Hearing, Benefits for Survivors: Is America Fulfilling Lincoln's Charge to Care for the Families of Those Killed in the Line of Duty?

February 15, 2005. Hearing, Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 Budget for Department of Veterans Affairs.

March 8, 2005. Joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Annual Legislative Presentation of the Blinded Veterans Association, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Paralyzed Veterans of America and Jewish War Veterans.

March 9, 2005. Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, H-216, Hart Senate Office Building, Legislative Presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

March 10, 2005. Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Legislative Presentations of the Blinded Veterans Association, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and the Jewish War Veterans.

March 17, 2005. Hearing, Back From the Battlefield: Are We Providing the Proper Care for America's Wounded Warriors?

April 7, 2005. Hearing, Nomination of Jonathan B. Perlin to be Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs.

April 14, 2005. Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Legislative Presentations of the Military Officers Association of America, the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

April 19, 2005. Hearing, Back From the Battlefield, Part II: Seamless Transition to Civilian Life.

April 21, 2005. Joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Annual Legislative Presentation of the Fleet Reserve Association, Air Force Sergeants Association, The Retired Enlisted Association and Gold Star Wives.

May 12, 2005. Hearing, An Open Discussion: Planning, Providing, and Paying for Veterans' Long-Term Care.

May 26, 2005. Hearing, Battling the Backlog: Challenges Facing the VA Claims Adjudication and Appeal Process.

June 9, 2005. Hearing, Pending Health Care Related Legislation.

June 23, 2005. Hearing, Pending Benefits-Related Legislation.

June 28, 2005. Emergency Hearing to Examine the Shortfall in VA's Medical Care Budget.

July 6, 2005. Field hearing held in Chicago, Illinois, Is the VA Prepared to Meet the Needs of Our Returning Vets?

July 14, 2005. Hearing, Nomination of James P. Terry, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans Appeals, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and Charles S. Ciccolella, to be Assistant Secretary for the Veterans Employment and Training, U.S. Department of Labor.

July 28, 2005. Meeting, markup on the Nominations of James Phillip Terry to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and Charles S. Ciccolella to be Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; S. 1234 the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005; and the Committee Print of S. 1235, the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act.

August 1, 2005. Field hearing held in Boise, Idaho, The 116th Armor Cavalry Brigade and Idaho Reservists: Are We Ready for the Return of Idaho's Soldiers?

August 3, 2005. Field hearing held in Seattle, Washington, Seattle Field Hearing: Coming Home From Combat—Are Veterans Getting the Help They Need?

August 16, 2005. Field hearing held in Grand Junction, Colorado, Forgotten Veterans: Improving Health Care for Rural Veterans.

September 15, 2005. Meeting, markup of S. 1182, Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2005; and S. 716, Vet Center Enhancement Act of 2005.

September 20, 2005. Joint hearing with House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, 345 Cannon House Office Building, Legislative Presentation of the American Legion.

September 22, 2005. Hearing, Preserving Sacred Ground: Should Capital Offenders be Buried in America's National Cemeteries?

September 29, 2005. Hearing, to consider the nominations of: Robert J. Henke to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Management; John M. Molino to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Policy and Planning; Lisette Mondello to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs; George Opfer, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and William F. Tuerk to be Under Secretary of Memorial Affairs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

October 20, 2005. Hearing, Information and Technology at the VA: Is It Ready for the 21st Century?

October 27, 2005. Hearing, The Rising Number of Disabled Veterans Deemed Unemployable: Is the System Failing? A Closer Look at VA's Individual Unemployability Benefit.

November 10, 2005. Hearing, SD-138, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Rebuilding the Gulf Coast Following Hurricane Katrina.

January 9, 2006. Field hearing held in Kauai, Hawaii, Field Hearing on the State of VA Care in Hawaii.

January 10, 2006. Field hearing held in Kahului, Hawaii, Field Hearing on the State of VA Care In Hawaii: Part I.

January 11, 2006. Field hearing held in Honolulu, Hawaii, Field Hearing on the State of VA Care In Hawaii: Part II.

January 13, 2006. Field hearing held in Hilo, Hawaii, Field Hearing on the State of VA Care In Hawaii: Part III.

February 2, 2006. Hearing, Jobs for Veterans Act Three Years Later: Are Vets' Employment Programs Working for Veterans?

February 16, 2006. Hearing, Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget for Department of Veterans Affairs Programs.

February 28, 2006. Hearing, SH-216, Hart Senate Office Building, The Legislative Presentation of the Disabled American Veterans.

March 2, 2006. Hearing, SD-106, Dirksen Senate Office Building, The Legislative Presentations of the Fleet Reserve Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, the Gold Star Wives of America Inc., and the Military Officers Association of America.

March 7, 2006. Hearing, The Legislative Presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

March 9, 2006. Hearing, SD-G50, Dirksen Senate Office Building, The Legislative Presentation of Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Blind Veterans of America, The Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Jewish War Veterans of the USA.

March 16, 2006. Hearing, Looking at Our Homeless Veterans Programs: How Effective Are They?

March 30, 2006. Hearing, SD-106, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Legislative Presentations of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, the AMVETS, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, and the Vietnam Veterans of America.

April 6, 2006. Hearing on Construction and Lease Authorization Needs.

April 27, 2006. Meeting, markup on Nomination of Daniel L. Cooper, to be Under Secretary for Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs.

April 27, 2006. Hearing, VA Research: Investing Today to Guide Tomorrow's Treatment.

May 11, 2006. Hearing, Health Care Legislative Initiatives Currently Pending Before the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

May 25, 2006. Hearing, SD-342, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Veterans Affairs Data Privacy Breach: Twenty-Six Million People Deserve Answers.

June 8, 2006. Hearing, Benefits Legislative Initiatives Currently Pending Before the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

June 22, 2006. Meeting, the Committee met and favorably reported: S. 2562, "The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006"; S. 3421, a bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007; and a Committee Print of S. 2694, the "Veterans Choice of Representation and Benefits Enhancement Act of 2006." The Committee Print of S. 2694 contained provisions from S. 909, S. 1252, S. 1537, S. 1759, S. 2121, S. 2416, S. 2433, S. 2634, S. 2659, S. 2694, S. 2753, S. 2762, S. 3069, S. 3363, S. 3545, as well as original provisions.

July 13, 2006. Hearing, Battling the Backlog Part II: Challenges Facing the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims.

July 20, 2006. Hearing, Veterans Affairs Data Privacy Breach: Twenty-Six Million People Assurance of Future Security.

July 27, 2006. Hearing, Nominations of Thomas Harvey, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Patrick W. Dunne, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Department of Veterans Affairs.

September 7, 2006. Hearing on Wounded Warrior Insurance: A First Look at a New Benefit for Traumatically Injured Servicemembers.

September 20, 2006. Hearing, SD-106, Dirksen Senate Office Building, The American Legion Legislative Presentation.

September 26, 2006. Hearing, Nomination of Robert T. Howard to be Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs.

September 28, 2006. Meeting, markup on the Nomination of Robert T. Howard to be Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs

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EC-518.—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on competitive sourcing efforts for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-519.—A communication from the Chief of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Increase in Rates Payable Under the Montgomery G.I. Bill—Active Duty” (RIN2900–AM08) received on January 5, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-743.—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Relocation of National Cemetery Administration Regulations” (RIN2900–AM10) received February 8, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-744.—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Payment for Non-VA Physician and Other Health Care Professional Services Associated with Either Outpatient or Inpatient Care Provided at Non-VA Facilities” (RIN2900–AK94) received on February 8, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-745.—A communication from the Chief, Regulation Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Loan Guaranty: Implementation of Public Law 107–103” (RIN2900–AL23) received on February 8, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-1204.—A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans’ Affairs, transmitting, the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Special Medical Advisory Group’s Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-1425.—A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations and Policy Management, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Board of Veterans’ Appeals: Appeals Regulations, Rules of Practice; Delegations of Authority” (RIN2900–AL96) received on March 18, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-1511.—A communication from the Chief, Office of Regulations Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exclusions from Income and New Worth Computations” (RIN2900–AM14) received on April 4, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

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EC-1754.—A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’s 2004 fiscal year report on the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-1876.—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a draft bill relative to title 38, United States Code, received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-1877.—A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005–02” received on April 21, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-2039.—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Presumption of Sound Condition: Aggravation of a Disability by Active Service” (RIN2900–AL90) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-2040.—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Elimination of Copayment for Smoking Cessation Counseling” (RIN2900–AM11) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-2041.—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Loan Guaranty: Hybrid Adjustable Rate Mortgages” (RIN2900-AL54) received on May 3, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-2453.—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Veterans Education: Non-payment of VA Educational Assistance to Fugitive Felons” (RIN2900-AL79) received on June 3, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-2569.—A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an inventory of commercial activities which are currently being performed by Federal employees for calendar year 2004; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-2570.—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, the report of a draft bill entitled “To Amend Title 38, United States Code, to Provide Authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to Release Individually-identified Medical Information to Assist in the Donation of Organs, Tissue, and Eyes for the Purpose of Transplantation” received on June 8, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-2792.—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a report relative to a recommended change to 38 U.S.C. 8110(a); to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-3045.—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation to amend title 42, United States Code, to extend the authorization for the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness until October 1, 2012; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-3140.—A communication from the Chief, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Presumptions of Service Connection for Diseases Associated with Service Involving Detention or Internment as a Prisoner of War” (RIN2900-AM09) received on July 21, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-3544.—A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report for Fiscal Year 2004 regarding the activities and accomplishments of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-3724.—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exceptions to Definition of Date of Receipt Based on Natural or Man-made Disruption of Normal Business Practices” (RIN2900-AL12) received on August 31, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-3725.—A communication from the Chief, Regulations Management, Office of Policy, Planning, and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations; Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and other Non-Profit Organizations” (RIN2900-AJ62) received on August 23, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-4768.—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Patients’ Rights” (RIN2900-AL66) received on November 28, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-4837.—A communication from the Chief, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medical: Advance Health Care Planning” (RIN2900-AJ28) received on December 8, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-4838.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Dependency and Idemnity Compensation: Surviving Spouse’s Rate; Payments Based on Veteran’s Entitlement to Compensation for Service-Connected Disability Rated Totally Disabling for Specified Periods Prior to Death” (RIN2900-AKL86) received on December 8, 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5299.—A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reservists’ Education: Revision of Eligibility Requirements for the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve” (RIN2900-AL69) received on January 6, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5335.—A communication from the Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Use of Diagnostic Code Numbers; Schedule of Ratings—Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Disorders” (RIN2900-AM32) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5336.—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Elimination of Copayment for Smoking Cessation Counseling” (RIN2900-AM11) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5337.—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Traumatic Injury Protection Rider to Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance” (RIN2900-AM36) received on January 16, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5704.—A communication from the Secretary, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Eligibility for Health Care Benefits for Certain Filipino Veterans in the United States” (RIN2900-AM03) received on February 8, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5767.—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs’ report on its competitive sourcing efforts for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-5812.—A communication from the Acting Assistant to the Secretary, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Filipino Veterans’ Benefits Improvements” (RIN2900-AK65) received on February 27, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-6408.—A communication from the Secretary for Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Board of Veterans’ Appeals: Rules of Practice: Public Availability of Board Decisions” (RIN2900-AM31) received on April 12, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-6409.—A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, jointly, a report regarding the implementation of the health resources sharing portion of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Health Resources Sharing and Emergency Operations Act for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-6410.—A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the implementation of the health resources sharing portion of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Health Resources Sharing and Emergency Operations Act for Fiscal Year 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-6928.—A communication from the Secretary for Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Individuals and Groups Considered to Have Performed Active Military, Naval, or Air Service” (RIN2900-AM39) received on May 22, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-6968.—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amended Delegation of Authority—Property Management Contractor” (RIN2900-AM38) received on May 24, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-6979.—A communication from the Chief, Regulations Management, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Remarriage of a Surviving Spouse” (RIN2900-AM24) received on May 31, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-7170.—A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, (2) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on June 7, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-7440.—A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, received on July 6, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-7743.—A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, (3) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Department, received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8072.—A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Health, received on August 24, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8073.—A communication from the Assistant to the Secretary for Regulations Policy and Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 and Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004” (RIN2900-AM27) received on September 5, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8074.—A communication from the Chief of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Definition of Psychosis for Certain VA Purposes” (RIN2900-AK21) received on September 5, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-8075.—A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, received on September 5, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8362.—A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the commercial activities which are currently being performed by Federal employees for calendar year 2005; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8431.—A communication from the Assistant to the Secretary, Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Claims Based on Aggravation of a Nonservice-Connected Disability” (RIN2900-AI42) received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8432.—A communication from the Assistant to the Secretary, Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Schedule for Rating Disabilities; Guidelines for Application of Evaluation Criteria for Certain Respiratory and Cardiovascular Conditions; Evaluation of Hypertension With Heart Disease” (RIN2900-AL26) received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8433.—A communication from the Chief, Regulation Development, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “New and Material Evidence” (RIN2900-AM15) received on September 21, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8462.—A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Board of Veterans’ Appeals: Clarification of a Notice of Disagreement” (RIN2900-AL97) received on September 22, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8488.—A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the designation of an acting officer for the position of General Counsel, received on October 6, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8489.—A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of General Counsel, received on October 6, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8490.—A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, White House Liaison, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, received on October 6, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8491.—A communication from the Immediate Past National President, Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Association’s annual audit report for the year ending June 30, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-8666.—A communication from the Special Assistant to the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of an action on a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, received on October 16, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-9129.—A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Phase-In of Full Concurrent Receipt of Military Retired Pay and Veterans Disability Compensation for Certain Military Retirees” (RIN2900-AM13) received on November 27, 2006; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-9212.—A communication from the President, Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association, transmitting, a request for clarification relative to the requirements for annual reports; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

POM-19.—A Joint Resolution adopted by the Assembly of the State of California relative to veterans benefits; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

POM-56.—A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine relative to the Togus Veterans Affairs Medical Center; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

POM-136.—A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to conferring veterans’ benefits on Filipino veterans of World War II; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

POM-186.—A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to making permanent the increases in Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance coverage and the Death Gratuity benefits to provide financial security of survivors of members of the Louisiana National Guard and other servicemembers who make the ultimate sacrifice with their lives while serving our country and the State of Louisiana; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

POM-209.—A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey relative to rejecting provisions in the President's proposed federal budget that would result in the loss of funding for Veterans' Memorial Homes in New Jersey; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

POM-338.—A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan relative to enacting legislation restricting protests at funerals; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

POM-411.—A resolution adopted by the California Veterans Board, State of California relative to opposing certain provisions of H.R. 4297, the "Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

POM-417.—A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Texas relative to memorializing the Congress of the United States to address problems in the Department of Veterans Affairs concerning the provision of health care and benefits, the adjudication of claims, accountability, and outreach and to enact legislation that creates an appropriation formula that ensures predictable and adequate funding for the health care programs of the Veterans Health Administration; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4, 2005

PN13–109

JIM NICHOLSON, of Colorado, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs.

January 4, 2005—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

January 24, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed—S. Hrg. 109–14.

January 24, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

January 24, 2005—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

January 24, 2005—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 5. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

January 26, 2005—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

February 18, 2005

PN225–109

JONATHAN BRIAN PERLIN, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

February 18, 2005—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

April 7, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed—S. Hrg. 109–108.

April 26, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

April 26, 2005—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

April 26, 2005—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 75. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

April 28, 2005—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

May 9, 2005

PN484–109

JAMES PHILIP TERRY, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs.

May 9, 2005—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 14, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed—S. Hrg. 109–303.

July 28, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

July 28, 2005—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

July 28, 2005—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 241. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

July 29, 2005—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

May 17, 2005

PN524–109

CHARLES S. CICCOLELLA, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, Department of Labor.

May 17, 2005—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

May 24, 2005—Referred jointly to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions by unanimous consent of Tuesday, May 24, 2005.

July 14, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed—S. Hrg. 109–303.

July 28, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

July 28, 2005—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

July 29, 2005—Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged by Unanimous Consent.

July 29, 2005—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

July 29, 2005

PN794–109

ROBERT JOSEPH HENKE, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Management), Department of Veterans Affairs.

July 29, 2005—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

September 29, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. October 18, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

October 18, 2005—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

October 18, 2005—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 370. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

October 26, 2005—Considered by Senate.

October 26, 2005—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

July 29, 2005

PN795–109

WILLIAM F. TUERK, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs.

July 29, 2005—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

September 29, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

October 18, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

October 18, 2005—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

October 18, 2005—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 371. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

October 26, 2005—Considered by Senate.

October 26, 2005—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

September 6, 2005

PN822–109

JOHN M. MOLINO, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning), Department of Veterans Affairs.

September 6, 2005—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

September 29, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

October 18, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

October 18, 2005—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

October 18, 2005—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 372. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

December 13, 2005—Received message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

September 6, 2005

PN823–109

LISETTE M. MONDELLO, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs), Department of Veterans Affairs.

September 6, 2005—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

September 29, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. October 18, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

October 18, 2005—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

October 18, 2005—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 373. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

October 26, 2005—Considered by Senate.

October 26, 2005—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

September 6, 2005

PN824–109

GEORGE J. OPFER, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

September 6, 2005—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and when reported, to be sequentially referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs for not more than 20 days, pursuant to an order of the Senate of January 20, 2005.

September 29, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. October 18, 2005—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

October 18, 2005—Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs pursuant to an order of the Senate of January 20, 2005 for not more than 20 days. October 18, 2005—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

November 7, 2005—Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged Unanimous Consent Agreement of January 20, 2005.

November 7, 2005—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 438. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

November 10, 2005—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

March 30, 2006

PN1424–109

DANIEL L. COOPER, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs.

March 30, 2006—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

April 27, 2006—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

April 27, 2006—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

April 27, 2006—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 621. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

June 29, 2006—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

May 24, 2006

PN1628–109

PATRICK W. DUNNE, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning), Department of Veterans Affairs.

May 24, 2006—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 27, 2006—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 31, 2006—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

July 31, 2006—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

May 24, 2006—Continued

July 31, 2006—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 822. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

August 3, 2006—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

June 26, 2006

PN1733–109

THOMAS E. HARVEY, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs), Department of Veterans Affairs.

June 26, 2006—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

July 27, 2006—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

July 31, 2006—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

July 31, 2006—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 823. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

July 31, 2006—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

July 31, 2006—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 823. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

December 9, 2006—Returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

September 5, 2006

PN1930–109

ROBERT T. HOWARD, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology), Department of Veterans Affairs.

September 5, 2006—Received in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

September 26, 2006—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. September 27, 2006—Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported favorably.

September 27, 2006—Reported by Senator Craig, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without printed report.

September 27, 2006—Placed on Senate Executive Calendar. Calendar No. 933. Subject to nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

September 29, 2006—Confirmed by the Senate by Voice Vote.

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Daniel K. Akaka

Sponsor

- S. 13** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 481** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release.
- S. 552** A bill to make technical corrections to the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004.
- S. 716** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 917** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program for direct housing loans for Native American veterans.
- S. 1176** A bill to improve the provision of health care and services to veterans in Hawaii, and for other purposes.
- S. 1177** A bill to improve mental health services at all facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 1252** A bill to amend section 1922A of title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of supplemental insurance available for totally disabled veterans.
- S. 1537** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Parkinson's Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence.
- S. 1646** A bill to provide for the care of veterans affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- S. 1729** A bill to extend the time during which persons affected by Hurricane Katrina may appeal certain decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals that are rendered during the period beginning June 1, 2005, and ending November 30, 2005.
- S. 2500** A bill to enhance the counseling and readjustment services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 2659** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of Indian tribal organizations for grants for the establishment of veterans cemeteries on trust lands.
- S. 2708** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an enrollment priority for veterans, who are recipients of certain medals for valor, in health care services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 2753** A bill to require a program to improve the provision of caregiver assistance services for veterans.
- S. 2762** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure appropriate payment for the cost of long-term care provided to veterans in State homes, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

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- S. 4054** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the number of individuals qualifying for retroactive benefits from traumatic injury protection coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

Wayne Allard

Sponsor

- S. 551** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Colorado Springs, Colorado, metropolitan area.
- S. 2387** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Pikes Peak Region of Colorado.
- S. 2547** A bill to authorize a major medical facility project for the Department of Veterans Affairs at Denver, Colorado.

Cosponsor

- S. 2779** A bill to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

George Allen

Sponsor

S. 1138 A bill to authorize the placement of a monument in Arlington National Cemetery honoring the veterans who fought in World War II as members of Army Ranger Battalions.

Cosponsor

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Max Baucus

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Evan Bayh

Sponsor

S. 1814 A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 to enhance protections for servicemembers and their dependents, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

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Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

Cosponsor

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Christopher S. Bond

Cosponsor

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Barbara Boxer

Sponsor

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S. 2351 A bill to provide additional funding for mental health care for veterans, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

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Sam Brownback

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- S. 3808** A bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

Jim Bunning

Cosponsor

- S. 151** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Conrad R. Burns

Sponsor

- S. 996** A bill to improve the Veterans Beneficiary Travel Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 2416** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

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- S. 2433** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Assistant Secretary for Rural Veterans in the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve the care provided to veterans living in rural areas, and for other purposes.

Richard Burr

Sponsor

- S. 1990** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1991** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a financial assistance program to facilitate the provision of supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

- S. 806** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a traumatic injury protection rider to servicemembers insured under section 1967(a)(1) of such title.
- S. 2433** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Assistant Secretary for Rural Veterans in the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve the care provided to veterans living in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- S. 3545** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

Robert C. Byrd

Cosponsor

- S. 3069** A bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to modify the furnishing of government markers for graves of veterans at private ceremonies, and for other purposes.

Maria Cantwell

Sponsor

- S. 1162** A bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to repeal the 10-year limits on use of Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

- S. 146** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
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Lincoln Chafee

Cosponsor

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Saxby Chambliss

Sponsor

- S. 2021** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events.

Cosponsor

- S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.
- S. 614** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1947** A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to enhance adaptive housing assistance for disabled veterans.
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Hillary Rodham Clinton

Sponsor

- S. 2785** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents (known as "Gold Star Parents") of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war.

Cosponsor

- S. 13** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
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- S. 2762** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure appropriate payment for the cost of long-term care provided to veterans in State homes, and for other purposes.

Tom Coburn

Sponsor

- S. 1731** A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Cosponsor

- S. 1138** A bill to authorize the placement of a monument in Arlington National Cemetery honoring the veterans who fought in World War II as members of Army Ranger Battalions.
- S. 2800** A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Out-patient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

Thad Cochran

Cosponsor

- S. 614** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
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Norm Coleman

Sponsor

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Cosponsor

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Susan Collins

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Kent Conrad

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Jon S. Corzine

Sponsor

- S. 1571** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a comprehensive program for testing and treatment of veterans for the Hepatitis C virus.

Cosponsor

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Mike Crapo

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Mark Dayton

Sponsor

- S. 615** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill by establishing an enhanced educational assistance program and by repealing the requirement for reduction in pay for participation in the program, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

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- S. 2351** A bill to provide additional funding for mental health care for veterans, and for other purposes.

Mike DeWine

Sponsor

- S. 2014** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance educational assistance for survivors and dependents of veterans.
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Cosponsor

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Christopher J. Dodd

Sponsor

- S. 909** A bill to expand eligibility for governmental markers for marked graves of veterans at private cemeteries.
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Cosponsor

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Elizabeth Dole

Cosponsor

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Byron L. Dorgan

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Cosponsor

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- S. 331** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.
- S. 481** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the period of eligibility for health care for combat service in the Persian Gulf War or future hostilities from two years to five years after discharge or release.
- S. 716** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 806** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a traumatic injury protection rider to servicemembers insured under section 1967(a)(1) of such title.
- S. 1177** A bill to improve mental health services at all facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 1180** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes.
- S. 1190** A bill to provide sufficient blind rehabilitation outpatient specialists at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 1272** A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 1571** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a comprehensive program for testing and treatment of veterans for the Hepatitis C virus.
- S. 1814** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 to enhance protections for servicemembers and their dependents, and for other purposes.
- S. 1947** A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to enhance adaptive housing assistance for disabled veterans.
- S. 2014** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance educational assistance for survivors and dependents of veterans.
- S. 3808** A bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.
- S. 3984** A bill to improve programs for the identification and treatment of post-deployment mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, in veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

John Ensign

Cosponsor

- S. 806** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a traumatic injury protection rider to servicemembers insured under section 1967(a)(1) of such title.

- S. 3421** A bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.

Michael B. Enzi

Cosponsor

- S. 996** A bill to improve the Veterans Beneficiary Travel Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 2433** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Assistant Secretary for Rural Veterans in the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve the care provided to veterans living in rural areas, and for other purposes.

Russell D. Feingold

Sponsor

- S. 1342** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 3998** A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide relief for servicemembers with respect to contracts for cellular phone service, and for other purposes.

Dianne Feinstein

Cosponsor

- S. 13** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 146** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 1272** A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

Lindsey Graham

Cosponsor

- S. 151** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 2416** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used, and for other purposes.
- S. 2694** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove certain limitation on attorney representation of claimants for veterans benefits in administrative proceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Chuck Grassley

Cosponsor

- S. 1191** A bill to establish a grant program to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in remote rural areas.
- S. 1272** A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 3808** A bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

Judd Gregg

Cosponsor

- S. 1138** A bill to authorize the placement of a monument in Arlington National Cemetery honoring the veterans who fought in World War II as members of Army Ranger Battalions.

Chuck Hagel

Sponsor

- S. 2849** A bill to provide certain enhancements to the Montgomery GI Bill Program for certain individuals who serve as members of the Armed Forces after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

- S. 2014** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance educational assistance for survivors and dependents of veterans.
- S. 1112** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit Department of Veterans Affairs pharmacies to dispense medications on prescriptions written by private practitioners to veterans who are currently awaiting their first appointment with the Department for medical care, and for other purposes.

Tom Harkin

Sponsor

- S. 3808** A bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.
- S. 3984** A bill to improve programs for the identification and treatment of post-deployment mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, in veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

- S. 331** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.
- S. 1162** A bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to repeal the 10-year limits on use of Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes.
- S. 2351** A bill to provide additional funding for mental health care for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 2970** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide free credit monitoring and credit reports for veterans and others affected by the theft of veterans' personal data, to ensure that

such persons are appropriately notified of such thefts, and for other purposes.

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Cosponsor

- S. 2562** A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.
- S. 2694** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove certain limitation on attorney representation of claimants for veterans benefits in administrative proceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

James M. Inhofe

Sponsor

- S. 2779** A bill to amend titles 38 and 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain demonstrations at cemeteries under the control of the National Cemetery Administration and at Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.
- S. 2800** A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."

Cosponsor

- S. 1731** A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Daniel K. Inouye

Sponsor

- S. 62** A bill for the relief of Jim K. Yoshida.
- S. 69** A bill for the relief of Donald C. Pence.
- S. 79** A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to determine the validity of the claims of certain Filipinos that they performed military service on behalf of the United States during World War II.
- S. 146** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Cosponsor

- S. 13** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 806** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a traumatic injury protection rider to servicemembers insured under section 1967(a)(1) of such title.
- S. 2659** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of Indian tribal organizations for grants for the establishment of veterans cemeteries on trust lands.

Johnny Isakson

Cosponsor

- S. 151 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 614 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1947 A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to enhance adaptive housing assistance for disabled veterans.
- S. 3545 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

James M. Jeffords

Cosponsor

- S. 331 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.
- S. 806 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a traumatic injury protection rider to servicemembers insured under section 1967(a)(1) of such title.
- S. 1191 A bill to establish a grant program to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in remote rural areas.
- S. 1272 A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 2121 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide housing loan benefits for the purchase of residential cooperative apartment units.
- S. 2694 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove certain limitation on attorney representation of claimants for veterans benefits in administrative proceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Tim Johnson

Sponsor

- S. 331 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.
- S. 2091 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain servicemembers to become eligible for educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill.

Cosponsor

- S. 13 A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 151 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 1180 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes.
- S. 1190 A bill to provide sufficient blind rehabilitation outpatient specialists at medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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- S. 1272 A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 1448 A bill to improve the treatment provided to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.
- S. 1537 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Parkinson's Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence.
- S. 1947 A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to enhance adaptive housing assistance for disabled veterans.
- S. 2351 A bill to provide additional funding for mental health care for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 2433 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Assistant Secretary for Rural Veterans in the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve the care provided to veterans living in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- S. 2659 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of Indian tribal organizations for grants for the establishment of veterans cemeteries on trust lands.
- S. 2970 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide free credit monitoring and credit reports for veterans and others affected by the theft of veterans' personal data, to ensure that such persons are appropriately notified of such thefts, and for other purposes.
- S. 3069 A bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to modify the furnishing of government markers for graves of veterans at private ceremonies, and for other purposes.
- S. 3276 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Edward M. Kennedy

Cosponsor

- S. 13 A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 1138 A bill to authorize the placement of a monument in Arlington National Cemetery honoring the veterans who fought in World War II as members of Army Ranger Battalions.
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- S. 3069 A bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to modify the furnishing of government markers for graves of veterans at private ceremonies, and for other purposes.

John F. Kerry

Sponsor

- S. 2163** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38 of the United States Code, to increase and index educational benefits for veterans under the Montgomery GI bill to ensure adequate and equitable benefits for active duty members and members of the selected Reserve, and to include certain servicemembers previously excluded from such benefits.
- S. 2970** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide free credit monitoring and credit reports for veterans and others affected by the theft of veterans' personal data, to ensure that such persons are appropriately notified of such thefts, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

- S. 331** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.
- S. 1272** A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 1947** A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to enhance adaptive housing assistance for disabled veterans.
- S. 2500** A bill to enhance the counseling and readjustment services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 3069** A bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to modify the furnishing of government markers for graves of veterans at private ceremonies, and for other purposes.
- S. 3984** A bill to improve programs for the identification and treatment of post-deployment mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, in veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Herb Kohl

Cosponsor

- S. 13** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 3069** A bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to modify the furnishing of government markers for graves of veterans at private ceremonies, and for other purposes.

Mary L. Landrieu

Cosponsor

- S. 151** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.
- S. 1272** A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

- S. 1646** A bill to provide for the care of veterans affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Frank R. Lautenberg

Cosponsor

- S. 13** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 151** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
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- S. 806** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a traumatic injury protection rider to servicemembers insured under section 1967(a)(1) of such title.
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- S. 3770** A bill to require a pilot program on the facilitation of the transition of members of the Armed Forces to receipt of veterans health care benefits upon completion of military service, and for other purposes.
- S. 3808** A bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.

Patrick J. Leahy

Cosponsor

- S. 13** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 2970** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide free credit monitoring and credit reports for veterans and others affected by the theft of veterans' personal data, to ensure that such persons are appropriately notified of such thefts, and for other purposes.
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- S. 3984** A bill to improve programs for the identification and treatment of post-deployment mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, in veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Joseph I. Lieberman

Cosponsor

- S. 1272** A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
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Blanche L. Lincoln

Cosponsor

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- S. 331** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.
- S. 806** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a traumatic injury protection rider to servicemembers insured under section 1967(a)(1) of such title.
- S. 909** A bill to expand eligibility for governmental markers for marked graves of veterans at private cemeteries.
- S. 1272** A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
- S. 1342** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1537** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Parkinson's Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence.
- S. 2433** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Assistant Secretary for Rural Veterans in the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve the care provided to veterans living in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- S. 3069** A bill to amend section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, to modify the furnishing of government markers for graves of veterans at private ceremonies, and for other purposes.

Trent Lott

Cosponsor

- S. 151** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Robert Menendez

Sponsor

- S. 3770** A bill to require a pilot program on the facilitation of the transition of members of the Armed Forces to receipt of veterans health care benefits upon completion of military service, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

- S. 13** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 146** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
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Barbara A. Mikulski

Sponsor

- S. 1751** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the State sentences for which burial in National Cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery are prohibited to include any sentence of life imprisonment for a State capital crime.
- S. 2415** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

- S. 13** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 146** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 1272** A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including

the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.

- S. 1759 A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to remove the remains of Russell Wayne Wagner from Arlington National Cemetery.
- S. 1813 A bill to amend titles 10 and 38 of the United States Code, to modify the circumstances under which a person who has committed a capital offense is denied certain burial-related benefits and funeral honors.
- S. 2416 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used, and for other purposes.
- S. 2970 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide free credit monitoring and credit reports for veterans and others affected by the theft of veterans' personal data, to ensure that such persons are appropriately notified of such thefts, and for other purposes.
- S. 3984 A bill to improve programs for the identification and treatment of post-deployment mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, in veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Lisa Murkowski

Cosponsor

- S. 1272 A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II.
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- S. 2694 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove certain limitation on attorney representation of claimants for veterans benefits in administrative proceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Patty Murray

Sponsor

- S. 1271 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.
- S. 2147 A bill to extend the period of time which a veteran's multiple sclerosis is to be considered to have been incurred in, or aggravated by, military service during a period of war.

Cosponsor

- S. 13 A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 331 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.
- S. 1177 A bill to improve mental health services at all facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

- S. 1180 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes.

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Bill Nelson

Cosponsor

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- S. 151 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
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Benjamin E. Nelson

Sponsor

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- S. 3276 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

- S. 151 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

- S. 331 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

S. 2416 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used, and for other purposes.

Barack Obama

Sponsor

S. 1180 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes.

S. 2358 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative to report on health care quality in Veterans Affairs hospitals.

S. 3988 A bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

Cosponsor

S. 806 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a traumatic injury protection rider to servicemembers insured under section 1967(a)(1) of such title.

S. 1537 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Parkinson's Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence.

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Mark L. Pryor

Cosponsor

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Jack Reed

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Harry Reid

Cosponsor

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John D. Rockefeller IV

Sponsor

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Cosponsor

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Ken Salazar

Sponsor

- S. **1189** A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish a strategic plan for long-term care, and for other purposes.
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Cosponsor

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Rick Santorum

Sponsor

- S. **423** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.

Cosponsor

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Paul S. Sarbanes

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Jeff Sessions

Cosponsor

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Gordon H. Smith

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Olympia J. Snowe

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Debbie Stabenow

Cosponsor

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John E. Sununu

Sponsor

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Jim Talent

Sponsor

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Cosponsor

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Craig Thomas

Cosponsor

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John Thune

Sponsor

S. 2001 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the management of information technology within the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing for the Chief Information Officer of that Department to have authority over resources, budget, and personnel related to the support function of information technology, and for other purposes.

S. 3068 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.

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George V. Voinovich

Cosponsor

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John Warner

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Ron Wyden

Cosponsor

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- S. 1759** A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to remove the remains of Russell Wayne Wagner from Arlington National Cemetery.
- S. 2021** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs an Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events.
- S. 3276** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
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BURIAL/CEMETERIES/MEMORIALS

- S. 551** A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Colorado Springs, Colorado, metropolitan area.
- S. 909** A bill to expand eligibility for governmental markers for marked graves of veterans at private cemeteries.
- S. 1138** A bill to authorize the placement of a monument in Arlington National Cemetery honoring the veterans who fought in World War II as members of Army Ranger Battalions.
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- S. 69** A bill for the relief of Donald C. Pence.
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- S. 1271** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war.
- S. 1272** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.
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- S. **2147** A bill to extend the period of time which a veteran's multiple sclerosis is to be considered to have been incurred in, or aggravated by, military service during a period of war.
- S. **2415** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase burial benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. **2500** A bill to enhance the counseling and readjustment services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
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EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

- S. **13** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. **615** A bill to amend title 38, United State Code, to improve benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill by establishing an enhanced educational assistance program and by repealing the requirement for reduction in pay for participation in the program, and for other purposes.
- S. **1162** A bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to repeal the 10-year limits on use of Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes.
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- S. **2416** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the scope of programs of education for which accelerated payments of educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill may be used, and for other purposes.
- S. **2694** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove certain limitation on attorney representation of claimants for veterans benefits in administrative proceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

- S. **3363** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for accelerated payment of survivors' and dependents' educational assistance for certain programs of education, and for other purposes.
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- S. **13** A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
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- S. **1176** A bill to improve the provision of health care and services to veterans in Hawaii, and for other purposes.
- S. **1182** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, and for other purposes.
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- S. **1571** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a comprehensive program for testing and treatment of veterans for the Hepatitis C virus.
- S. **1646** A bill to provide for the care of veterans affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- S. **2351** A bill to provide additional funding for mental health care for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. **2358** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a Hospital Quality Report Card Initiative to report on health care quality in Veterans Affairs hospitals.
- S. **2433** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Assistant Secretary for Rural Veterans in the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve the care provided to veterans living in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- S. **2708** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an enrollment priority for veterans, who are recipients of certain medals for valor, in health care services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. **3421** A bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.
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- S. **3984** A bill to improve programs for the identification and treatment of post-deployment mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, in veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

HOME LOANS/ASSISTANCE

- S. 552 A bill to make technical corrections to the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004.
- S. 917 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent the pilot program for direct housing loans for Native American veterans.
- S. 1235 A bill to amend chapters 19 and 37 of title 38, United States Code, to extend the availability of \$400,000 in coverage under the servicemembers' life insurance and veterans' group life insurance programs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1814 A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 to enhance protections for servicemembers and their dependents, and for other purposes.
- S. 1947 A bill to amend chapter 21 of title 38, United States Code, to enhance adaptive housing assistance for disabled veterans.
- S. 1991 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a financial assistance program to facilitate the provision of supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing, and for other purposes.
- S. 2121 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide housing loan benefits for the purchase of residential cooperative apartment units.

HOMELESS VETERANS

- S. 1180 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reauthorize various programs servicing the needs of homeless veterans for fiscal years 2007 through 2011, and for other purposes.
- S. 2694 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove certain limitation on attorney representation of claimants for veterans benefits in administrative proceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 3545 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve services for homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

INFORMATION SECURITY/IDENTITY THEFT

- S. 2001 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the management of information technology within the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing for the Chief Information Officer of that Department to have authority over resources, budget, and personnel related to the support function of information technology, and for other purposes.
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- S. 423 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make a stillborn child an insurable dependent for purposes of the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.

- S. 806 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a traumatic injury protection rider to servicemembers insured under section 1967(a)(1) of such title.
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- S. 2708 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an enrollment priority for veterans, who are recipients of certain medals for valor, in health care services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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- S. 1176 A bill to improve the provision of health care and services to veterans in Hawaii, and for other purposes.
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- S. 2598 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and operate a community-based outpatient clinic in Alpena, Michigan.
- S. 2800 A bill to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as the "Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic."
- S. 3421 A bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.
- S. 2547 A bill to authorize a major medical facility project for the Department of Veterans Affairs at Denver, Colorado.
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- S. 13 A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 716 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 806 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a traumatic injury protection rider to servicemembers insured under section 1967(a)(1) of such title.
- S. 1176 A bill to improve the provision of health care and services to veterans in Hawaii, and for other purposes.

MENTAL HEALTH—Continued

- S. 1177 A bill to improve mental health services at all facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 1182 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 1189 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish a strategic plan for long-term care, and for other purposes.
- S. 1448 A bill to improve the treatment provided to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.
- S. 1991 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a financial assistance program to facilitate the provision of supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing, and for other purposes.
- S. 2351 A bill to provide additional funding for mental health care for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 2500 A bill to enhance the counseling and readjustment services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 3770 A bill to require a pilot program on the facilitation of the transition of members of the Armed Forces to receipt of veterans health care benefits upon completion of military service, and for other purposes.
- S. 3808 A bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.
- S. 3984 A bill to improve programs for the identification and treatment of post-deployment mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder, in veterans and members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.
- S. 3988 A bill to amend title 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for members of the Armed Forces, veterans of the Global War on Terrorism, and other veterans, to require reports on the effects of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

NURSING/STATE HOMES, CAREGIVER ASSISTANCE

- S. 1189 A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to publish a strategic plan for long-term care, and for other purposes.
- S. 2753 A bill to require a program to improve the provision of caregiver assistance services for veterans.
- S. 2762 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure appropriate payment for the cost of long-term care provided to veterans in State homes, and for other purposes.
- S. 3421 A bill to authorize major medical facility projects and major medical facility leases for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES/COUNSELING

- S. 13 A bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to expand and enhance health care, mental health, transition, and disability benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.
- S. 151 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require an annual plan on outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- S. 716 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1235 A bill to amend chapters 19 and 37 of title 38, United States Code, to extend the availability of \$400,000 in coverage under the servicemembers' life insurance and veterans' group life insurance programs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1259 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the requirement for reports from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

- on the disposition of cases recommended to the Secretary for equitable relief due to administrative error and to provide improved benefits and procedures for the transition of member of the Armed Forces from combat zones to noncombat zones and for the transition of veterans from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life.
- S. 1342 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 1448 A bill to improve the treatment provided to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.
- S. 1990 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the outreach activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 2500 A bill to enhance the counseling and readjustment services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.
- S. 3808 A bill to reduce the incidence of suicide among veterans.
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MEDICATION/PRESCRIPTION

- S. 614 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit medicare-eligible veterans to receive an out-patient medication benefit, to provide that certain veterans who receive such benefit are not otherwise eligible for medical care and services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

RURAL VETERANS/TRANSPORTATION

- S. 1191 A bill to establish a grant program to provide innovative transportation options to veterans in remote rural areas.
- S. 2433 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Assistant Secretary for Rural Veterans in the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve the care provided to veterans living in rural areas, and for other purposes.
- S. 3276 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate the deductible and change the method of determining the mileage reimbursement rate under the beneficiary travel program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

WIDOW/DEPENDENCY, IDEMNITY COMPENSATION

- S. 69 A bill for the relief of Donald C. Pence.
- S. 1234 A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.
- S. 2562 A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.
- S. 3068 A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.